At a Meeting of the Inhabitants …

A Transcription of

The Town of Marlborough Day Book 1666-1698

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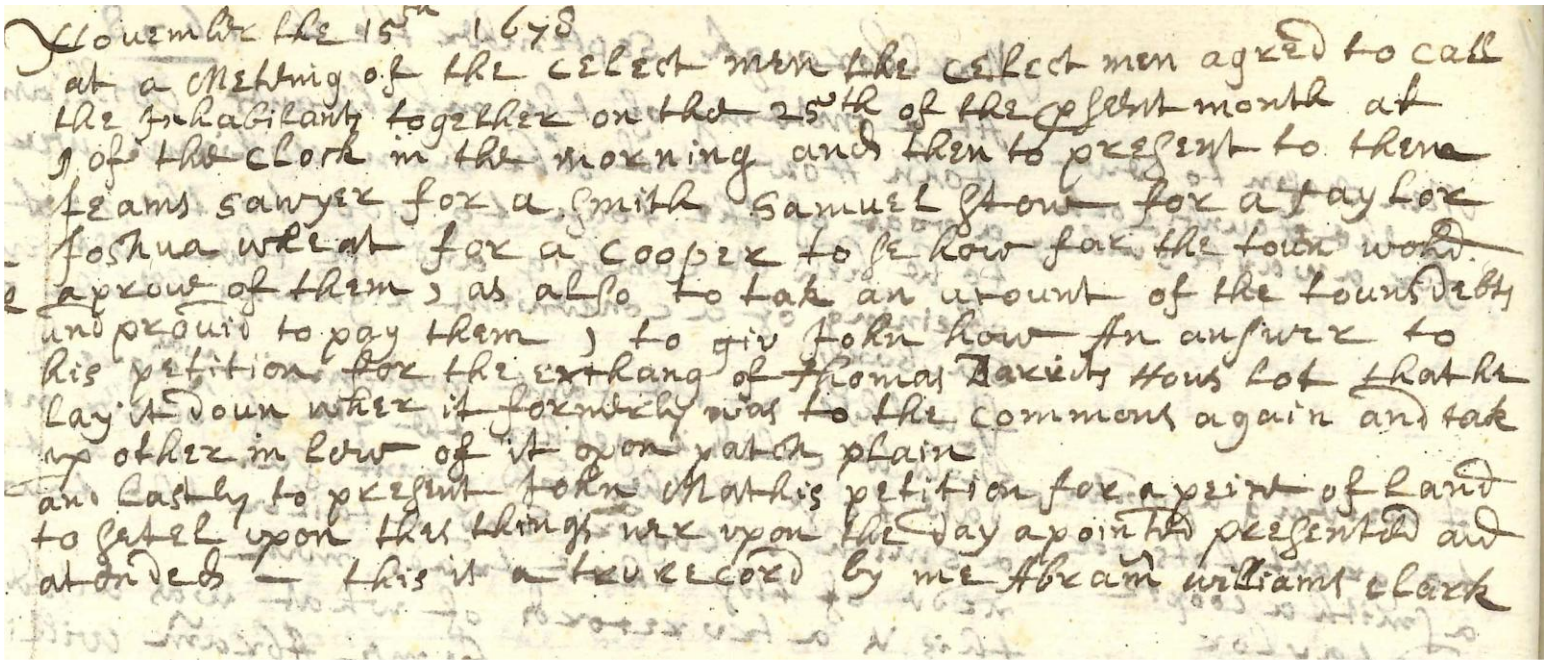

November the 15th 1678
At a meeting of the selectmen the selectmen agreed to call
the inhabitants together on the 25th of the present month at
9 of the clock in the morning and then to present to them
James Sawyer for a smith, Samuel Stow for a tailor
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approve of them, as also to take an account of the town debts
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and lastly to present John Mathis' petition for a piece of land
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attended – this is a true record by me Abraham Williams Clerk

EXAMPLE OF TOWN BOOK ENTRY AND ITS TRANSCRIPTION

OLD RECORDS
1666 – 1698

Note on the Transcription of the Marlborough Daybook 1666 – 1698

A few years ago, I was introduced to two "original" 17th century journals in the vault of the Marlborough City Clerk's office that had survived the City Hall fire of 1902. Many other historical documents had been destroyed forever.

Although I am not a professional paleographer or historian, as an interested retired resident, I felt drawn to the idea of attempting to transcribe these early original handwritten documents. I have been supported in this effort by Steve Kerrigan, Marlborough City Clerk, Sara Belisle, Library Director of the Marlborough Public Library, Nat Bowen, GIS Administrator for the City of Marlborough, members of the Marlborough DPW, and the Marlborough Historical Commission.

My intention was to "transcribe" the first 17th century script into a readable contemporary document that would shed light on the earliest days of our frontier municipality—its interests, activities and personalities. When completed my transcription and the original journal would be fittingly displayed for historians and the general public in the newly renovated Marlborough Public Library's Local History Room.

The art of transcription involves concentration on patterns of inky squiggles, guesswork on misspelled family names and place-names, recognizing secretarial abbreviations when used as complete words, haphazard and very creative use of pseudo-punctuation, and last but not least investigating an arcane vocabulary of a time and a rugged people long gone by. I was never interested in transcribing verbatim all the misspellings and secretarial idiosyncrasies—I attempted to transcribe, and at times, "translate" the 17th century jargon into a contemporary readable context. Serious historians will fault me for my liberties taken between transcribing and translating. But that is the role I assumed.

My primary interest in "correcting" spellings was to focus on family names and record them with some sense of consistency. Many of the family names are today recognizable to current residents of the City. Many families are no longer New Englanders in the strict sense but still return to the City to investigate their own family origins.

I used Charles Hudson's ***Genealogy*** (1862) as a starting point for spelling of names, but even Hudson slips up here and there. The most glaring error in Hudson is the name of Marlborough Minister Mr. William Brinsmead of the First Church in Marlborough. Hudson records him as Brimsmead. As difficult as it is to traverse all the journal's "inky squiggles" it seems obvious to me that the "***…ins***" in Br***ins***mead is clearly and consistently written throughout the journal. The fact that the Minister's name may have been pronounced by the populace more with an "m" sound than an "n" sound is an entirely different story and may add to the name's different spellings.

Other names I've standardized are Goodenow often transcribed as Goodnow (again, a pronunciation difference, not a spelling difference), Barnes with an "-e", Howe with an "-e", and Kerley with an "-e". Rudduck has been written as Ruddocke and Alcock as Alcocke. Also, in the opening pages of the Journal a name that appears often is written down as Mainer or Mainor. I've adjusted it to its proper spelling which only appears corrected much later in the Journal as ***Maynard***.

A personal curiosity that has struck me throughout the entire journal of 105 pages was the fact that regardless of how many "secretaries" took part in writing out the original journal (my guess is at least three of four hands were involved) the word "vote" and all its derivatives were consistently spelled out as "voat" as in boat. With all the inconsistencies of 17th century spelling, vote appears 312 times in the journal and never once is it written as anything but ***voat***, regardless of which secretary wrote it. A curiosity of consistency if there ever was one.

I hope I've opened up an historical document for further research. For those instances in the journal text that to me are still undecipherable or illegible, I have used […] as an indication of words or phrases that are beyond my guessing. Other casual readers or historians are welcome to fill in these ellipses or to correct any blatant errors I may have made. My efforts are all my own. Any help I received from others, especially from my fellow historian friend, Nat Bowen, is gratefully acknowledged. Any mistakes or inconsistencies in my transcription are entirely my own.

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[*The Journal begins immediately with a table of "contents" which was written obviously after the body of the Journal was completed. The first eight pages of the following contents are un-numbered.]*

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The Day Book

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Marlborough

At a meeting of the inhabitants shareholders of this town
December the 5th 1687—the town leaving all former agitations

about a new Meeting House, they came on the day of the date to
a full resolve and proceeded unanimously to pass many votes
as first it was voted that they will have a New Meeting
House when ready to raise, set where the present
Meeting House stands or somewhere near thereabouts

2ly it was voted to build a house forty feet long and
thirty feet wide: sixteen feet between joints—and so to be
done in all respects as may be both decent and convenient
the timber for this house to be taken off from the town's indi-
viduals lands

3ly it was voted that all of the payment that shall be disbursed
in corn: shall at this following prices viz. wheat at 5,
rye at four, Indian corn at three, barley at four shillings the
bushel all good and merchantable

4ly it was voted that the prices of workmen shall be as follows
viz. the head carpenters two shillings sixteen pence per day—all days they
work at it – and such as can However two shillings three pence
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the first of March next after the present date—

5ly it was voted that the prices board laid in at the place where
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6ly it was voted that John Newton Sr. –and Moses Newton Sr.
should be employed to be head carpenters to carry on this
work—at the prices set for day work if they would accept of
it—the which they also did for they both appeared and accepted
it on the terms above said the day of the date a work at it as long
the town shall please to set them on work

7ly it was voted that Captain Henry Kerley Deacon, John

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be a committee to order the carrying and end of this work

8ly that a sum of eighty pounds be raised to carry on
this work and that in order hereunto an invoice of each
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and glass for the House according to said invoice it is
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meeting: and select men required to do the town's business
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Jan 27-90/91

At a meeting of the inhabitants and freeholders of this town on the
27th of January 1690—the whole of the accounts was brought in to the
Town the Meeting House then being almost finished—and the
disbursements and work balanced as you may so paid them—

Feb 10 1690/91

And at this meeting it was voted that all of the proprietors
that your invoices should be seated in the first division of
seating viz. every man and his wife – according to their invoice
they gave in from the first to the last—
voted that after the first division be fully made to every
one according to invoice—that when there be a second division

for one more of a family it is one male and one female of all
the above said proprietors

Nextly on the day of this date the town proceeded to choose a
committee to seat the House according to the vote viz.
Deacon Edward Rice, Nathan Joselin Sr., John Barns Sr.,
Ensign John Woods—Joseph Newton, Samuel Brigham,
Abraham Williams

The town declared by vote they esteemed the 3rd seat with the table
and the front seat in the gallery equal and so to be seated, only
the seat in the body to have the prominence
also the town by vote declared they esteemed the front seat
the said gallery and the fourth seat in the body equal only
in the body to have the prominence
also the fifth seat in the body and the seat under the window
equal in dignity only the seat in the body to have the prominence
and having provided thus far they decided the committee to
act withal convenient speed and make return to the town
of what they did on the 10th of March next ensuing
the present date

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1691

At a meeting of the inhabitants and proprietors on the 10th
of March there was no return but at a meeting after
viz. on the 29th of June 1691 the town voted that all
the former votes made by the town Feb 10th 1690/91 should
be accounted good and valid and everyone to take place
accordingly (but) this disposal shall not be accounted
hereditary, but as God shall make changes by taking of
or removing persons, so those shall after disposals be
made to successors – by town's appointment so as shall
be made equal, according as the case shall then appear

This vote gave general satisfaction—and then the
Town chose a new committee viz. Abraham Williams,
Samuel Goodenow and Joseph Newton—and they

drew out each man's sum particularly and so his
place according to invoice.

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Marlborough: 1666

This order is record-
ed more at length in
the 4th and 5th
of this book

Upon a meeting of the town, June fourth 1666: it is ordered that the meadows that are now to be laid out to those that have not yet their grants of meadow shall begin on the meadow, south east of Goodman Cranes and so to go on as the account was brought in by Sargent Woods and Obadiah Ward so as will be most convenient for the parties that are to have it.

Thomas Barret's
grant of meadow and
town rights

It was further agreed upon that Thomas Barrett should hand a proportion of meadow to his house lot as other men and other town rights as the rest of the inhabitants have— further it was agreed upon that Obadiah Ward should go with any such surveyor as should be chosen to lay out the meadows, and that the town should pay for his time— further it was ordered that John How Sr. and John Rediat Sr. shall go and treat with Sudbury about a way thither and to do their best to have it most convenient.

March 15th 1668:
An order for the gather-
ing in of the arrears
for ten acres of land
granted to Wm Kerley Sr.

Upon public meeting the town appointed the selectmen to take some effectual course to procure the arrears due to the town for ten acres of land for money granted to William Kerley of Lancaster, either by seizing the said premises or other ways.

This was a disorderly
act, it not being appointed

a work of that day
Also in the same meeting the town agreed by vote to pay seven pounds and ten shillings to Peter Bent for building a bridge at Assabet River and further in the same meeting the town appointed John How Sr. John Woods Sr. and John Rediat Sr. to allow Thomas Barret so much land as may make good the damage he sustains by the highway going through his lot.

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Marlborough 1669
November 19th 1669:
An act for the allowing fifty five pounds to our minister by the year
At a town meeting appointed to take course about making supplies for the minister, it was agreed by vote that our minister shall have fifty-five pounds by the year, to be paid the one half in Indian corn and the other half in wheat all at the merchant's price.

An order for the building of galleries in the Meeting House
Also in the same meeting it was agreed by vote that two galleries shall be built, one at each end of the meeting house, John Rediat Sr., John Woods Sr., and William Kerley are appointed to let them out to a workman or workmen and to pay them in a town rate.

At a meeting of the selectmen upon the 17th of December 1669 the selectmen have ordered that no inhabitant shall take in any tenant or inmate to entertain out longer than fourteen days without the consent of the town's men, which if any shall so do they shall pay nineteen shillings a week for every week so continuing the same to be for the use of the town

William Ward
John Ruddocke
Solomon Johnson

Select	John Woods	Men
	Thomas King	
	John Rediat	
	William Kerley	

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Marlborough 1669:
December 27th

An order for the price of corn

At a meeting of the selectmen it was agreed that the prices of corn in this town for this year shall be as follows Namely wheat at four shillings and six pence the bushel, rye at four, peas at three shillings and six pence the bushel, and Indian corn at three.

An order against taking in of tenants or inmates

At a meeting of the selectmen, the 17th of December: 1669— it is ordered that if any inhabitant shall take in to this town any tenant or inmate, and shall give them entertainment any longer than fourteen days, they shall pay to those of this town nineteen shillings a week for every week so continuing.

An allowance to the minister

The 19th of the 9th month :1669:
At a town meeting appointed to take course to provide for our minister it was agreed by vote that the minister should have fifty five pounds by the year to be paid the one half in wheat, and the other half in Indian corn, all at the price of the market.

A town Rate

A Town rate made the 10th of the second month 1669: to pay Peter Bent seven pounds and ten shillings for a bridge and two pounds eleven shillings and six pence for charges of court, and one pound and four shillings to John Rediat Sr. for his charges in attending the said Court witness in the behalf of the town. This rate was to be paid the one half in wheat and the other half in Indian corn, at the price that the country rate is paid at the last year, also there

is to be paid out of this rate seven shillings to William Ward Sr. and five shillings to John Woods Sr. This rate was made at two pounds half an acre

Select -- William Ward, John Ruddocke, Solomon Johnson, John Woods, Thomas King, John Rediat, William Kerley -- Men

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Marlborough
January 21st :1666
An order for the gathering in the arrears

There being a town meeting appointed to gather in the arrears and to pay the town's debts, Sargent Ruddocke, Samuel Hensdel, and Abraham Williams, were chosen by the town, to gather in arrears other than debts, whatsoever is found upon account to be due to the town and having reasoned it to pay those debts therewith that the town hath accepted or shall accept, and do also give power to those men to use that liberty the law doth allow to accomplish this work, and further do also order and determine to allow them until the tenth of March to effect this work, and then to bring in a return to the town and give account, this being written and read in the town meeting was owned and voted to be a town act as attested [by] Abraham Williams

June 4th : 1666

An order for the Complete amount of More divisions of Meadow

At a town meeting it was ordered as follows, that the meadows that are now to be laid out to those that have not yet their grounds of meadow shall begin on the meadows southeast of Mr. Alcocke's farm and so to

go on as the account was brought in by Sargent Woods and Obadiah Ward so as will be most convenient for the parties that are to have it

Thomas Barret a grant of meadow and town rights

It was further agreed upon that Thomas Barrett should have a proportion of meadow to his house lot as of common land and other town rights as the most of the inhabitants have

And further in the same meeting it was ordered that Obadiah Ward should go with such surveyors as should be chosen to lay out the Meadows and that the town should pay for his time

A list of the names Of the persons that Are to have meadow

Those persons have after expressed are to be supplied in those meadows afore mentioned

John Sutter five acres
Henry Axtel fourteen acres
Samuel Hensdel fourteen acres
John Woods Jr. fourteen acres
William Kerley Sr. nine acres
John Bellows eight acres
Captain Wheller thirty and one acre
Abraham Williams thirty acres 114 rods
Thomas Barrett nine acres
those are to have those meadows in those meadows have after expressed

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Marlborough 1666

An account of The number of Acres of meadow And woods they Lay

Upon the north side of the Indian Head on Assabet	52 acres
upon the west line in several pieces	68 acres

upon the end of Cold Harbor on the same line	12 acres
upon Cold Harbor Brook between Assabet and Cold Harbor meadow	25 acres
on the lower end of Cold Harbor	08 acres
on the brook that runs into lower end of Cold Harbor and so down to Middle meadow	33 acres
On the upper end of Middle meadow	20 acres
On the path that comes from Cold Harbor to Middle meadow on the north side of it	06 acres
On the south side of the same path	05 acres
On the south side of the town beyond Stony Brook	06 acres
On the river that runs out of Cedar Swamp joining to the meadow of Peter Bent	15 acres
on the same side of Stony Brook a mile after the brook	04 acres
on Stony Brook joining to the meadow of William Ward	06 acres

Marlborough 1667
A receipt from
Mr. Graves
Received of Abraham Williams the sum of seven pounds upon account of town of Marlborough according to their agreement with me
April 17th 1667 Thomas Graves

Marlborough December 4th :1671
An act against
Disorder in the
Meeting House
At a meeting of the selectmen it is ordered that whoever as some inhabitants within this town have not only slighted the order of the selectmen which they put forth for the placing of persons in our meeting house but also the honored committee's order in that they did approve of those general rules whereby the selectmen acted, the selectmen do therefore order that if any person or persons who have been heretofore admonished or any other after admonition shall presume to intrude themselves into any seat in the Meeting House, contrary to the order of the selectmen and there abide during the time od religious exercise, they shall pay for every such offense five shillings the same to be for the use of the

town recorded by order of the Selectmen
William Kerley

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(6) Marlborough 1668:

Sargent Ruddocke
Abraham Williams and
Samuel Hensdel
appointed to gather
in the arrears

Sargent Ruddocke, Abraham Williams and Samuel Hensdel being appointed by the town upon January 21st 1666: to gather in the arrears and other town debts whatsoever is found to be due to the town and having resolved the same to pay such debts, those with as the town doth accept or shall accept, they having done the same and given those accounts to the select-men, they do hereupon accept of the said account, and do hereby acquit them, this 21st of December: 1668

Debts owed and
allowed by the
town

Those debts here aforementioned were allowed by the town December 3rd :1666:

	£	s	d
to Peter Bent fourteen shillings in money lent to the town	00	17	4
money for four hundred of clapboard nails	00	04	0
money for writing [town correspondence]	01	10	0
to William Ward	00	17	6
to John Newton for two wolves	02	05	0
to Christopher Banister	00	10	0
to John How Sr.	00	12	0
to John Barrett	00	05	0
to Nathaniel Johnson	01	01	0
to Obadiah Ward	01	03	0
to Richard Barnes	00	08	0
to William Kerley	00	09	09
to Abraham Williams	00	06	00
to John Woods	01	15	04 +2
to Thomas Barnes	01	13	08
to Sargent Ruddocke	01	04	04 +2

Debts due to the town

These arrears that we find due to the town

from Cpt. Thomas Wheeler	11	16	09
from John Woods Jr.	05	07	04
from Thomas Barnes	02	13	08
from Thomas Barret	03	07	01
from William Kerley Sr.	03	07	01
from Abraham Williams	11	08	01
from Thomas Brigham	00	06	06

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Abraham Williams to pay Mr. Graves seven pounds

The 9th month: 1666 at a town meeting the town appointed Abraham Williams to pay seven pounds to Mr. Thomas Graves in the behalf of the town to his content, and for this the said Abraham was to have ten pounds set off in his arrears. This was recorded by Sargent Ruddocke

William Ward
John Ruddocke
John Woods
Abraham How
Solomon Johnson

1668

An order against Setting [off] guns near the Town

At a meeting of the Selectmen May 5th: 1668

The Selectmen have ordered that for as much as complaints hath been made that some persons by setting off guns have endangered others and that by setting them [off] so near the town and highways that some persons have been in danger, the selectmen do therefore order that from henceforth if

that if any person shall set any gun [off] or draw any bait within one mile of any dwelling house in this town, he shall pay to the use of the town nineteen shillings, the sum to be for the use of the town, and every person setting a gun [off] shall be careful to keep a form about the same to keep of a total upon

the penalty above mentioned

Select { William Ward, Thomas King, Solomon Johnson, John Woods, John How, John Rediat, William Kerley } men

An account given by Sargent Ruddocke of two rate

December 21st 1668: the selectmen having taken an account of Sargent Ruddocke as to two rates, namely the rate made November 1st 1662 and the rate made in January of 1664, and
The said Sargent do give his account, that John How Sr is ten shillings in the Town's debt and the selectmen accept of this account and do acquit the said Sargent Ruddocke from all claims and demands as to those rates from this day forward

Select { William Ward, Thomas King, Solomon Johnson, John Woods, John How, John Rediat, William Kerley } men

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Marlborough 1670

A town rate

April 19th: 1670 a town rate was made to pay town debts
This rate was raised one penny three farthings and acre, the sum where-of was eight pounds seven shillings seven pence farthing, this rate was made by William Kerley

An act for the planning of persons in the Meeting House

At a meeting of the Selectmen the 6th of the 3rd month:1670 to place people in the Meeting House, the selectmen do agree to act here in according to those following considerations, that is to say first [by] age, secondly qualifications, thirdly the consideration of what man paid to all public

charges in this town

In the first seat	Thomas King	in the fourth	Josiah Ward
	Sargent Ruddocke		John Maynard
	John How Sr		Thomas Brigham
	John Woods Sr		Obadiah Ward
	And Widow Hunt a right		Thomas Barnes
In the second seat	Richard Newton	in the fifth	John Bellows
	Edward Rice		Richard Barnes
	William Kerley		John Barrett
	Thomas Rice		John Barnes
	Abraham Williams		Nat*el* Johnson
In the third seat	John Rediat Sr,	in the sixth	John Brown
	Abraham How		Christ*er* Banister
	Peter Bent		John How Jr.
	John Johnson		Samuel Ward
	Samuel Rice		John Gove

In the front seat in the gallery
John Brigham
Samuel Goodenow
James Taylor
John Bellow
John Woods Jr.
John Rediat Jr.
Increase Ward
John Newton
Henry Axtell
Andrew Belcher

Also it is agreed upon that a seat shall be built for the Deacons' wives at the east end of the pulpit

Also in the seats at each end of the Meeting House these men and their wives namely

Select men:
Thomas Barrett, Johnathan Johnson, John Gove, John Ruddocke, Solomon Johnson, John Rediat, William Ward, William Kerley

John Woods

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Marlborough the 20th of the 9th month 1671:

In a public meeting of the inhabitants it was granted unto those men hereafter mentioned that they shall have their third division of upland and the south side of Stony Brook eastward from John Newton's meadow and along out that side of the brook this was granted to those men namely:

John How Sr.	Richard Newton
John Woods Sr.	John Bellows
John Woods Jr.	John Newton
Henry Axtell	

In the same meeting it was granted to those men hereafter mentioned that they shall have their third division of upland out of the east side of Middle meadow brook in any in any of the land on the south side of the path that leads to *Quapago* (that is the old way) and so on the west side of Chauncy meadows, namely

Christopher Banister	John Barrows
John Johnson	John How Jr.
Obadiah Ward	Thomas King
Abraham How	William Kerley
John Maynard	John Brigham
Thomas Rice	John Rediat Jr.

These persons are to have their third division of upland aforesaid from *Quapago* old path southward to the utmost extent of the town bounds where they shall choose

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Marlborough the 18th of April : 1672 (13)

A highway at Edward Rice's and Thomas Rice's Lot

At a meeting of the selectmen: the selectmen have reviewed the bounds of the highway

that runs across Edward Rice's lot and it is stated ten rods wide as before
it is bounded at the east side of his lot upon the south side of the way by a dead oak about seven foot within his four: and on the north side of the way at the west side of his lot
it is bounded by a black oak: this is the country road to Connecticut.

A highway between
Richard Newton's
Lot and John Rutter's
Lot 4 rods wide

April the 22nd : 1672: the selectmen have rated the highway between Richard Newton's lot and John Rutter's lot as followith, at the east end of John Rutter's lot at the steep of the hill that way is to run from the said Rutter's corner to another that is marked and the north side of the way next to the said Newton's lot and so on to a stake near a great rock and so bounding northward with it comes to his proper line and so on towards Moses Newton's house and by it:

A highway at patch
Plain

Whereas Isaiah How's bounds of his land was extended over
the highway at the northwest corner, the selectmen have ordered that the highway shall remain at it was before and that his bounds [at] the said corners shall come only to the highway: and the said selectmen have allowed him in law of that which is taken away by the said way, the said quantity at the west of his lot.

A highway between
John Bellows his lot
And John Woods his lot
3 rods wide

Also at John Bellows addition the selectmen have ordered with the said Bellows consent that there shall be a highway between the foresaid Bellows addition and John Woods Jr. his house lot: the way to be three rods wide: the selectmen have allowed the said Bellows satisfaction by a piece of land that they have allowed] upon the hill in favor of a two angle which piece was shut in by John Bellows and] John Woods their lines:

A grant of land to
Jonathan Johnson

The 12th of the 3rd Month: 1672: At a published meeting of the inhabitants the Town have given and granted to Jonathan Johnson twelve acres of land with all accommodations both of upland and meadow and all other privileges according to law or grants: and he is to take it in the common land: not in Cows Common to hinder any former grants: he signing a bill for his paying eight pounds in money within a fortnight and in case that meadow shall fall short then he is to have

swamp[land] and to have so much in quantity as may answer the quality of meadow
This above written was read and owned in the town meeting attest Wm Kerley

June the 21st 1680 the town ordered the recording of their receipt of the eight pounds in money of Jonathan Johnson's by Deacon William Ward the agent who owed them his credit thereof, and the town doth hereby acquit said Jonathan Johnson from any further demands of this eight pounds.
Recorded by Mr. Abraham Williams Town Clerk

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The 27th of the 3rd month: 1672

Surveyors for the highways

At a public meeting of the inhabitants: Obadiah Ward and John Rediat Jr. were chosen surveyors for the highways: to perfect a rate of four pounds an acre and to begin with those men that are most behind

A town meeting warned

At a meeting of the selectmen June 5th 1672 It is agreed upon by the fore-said selectmen: that there shall be a town meeting upon the 26th of this month at the Meeting House in the morning at some … to have the town rate read, secondly: that those that have not nominated the place where they would have their third division of upland: may now have opportunity to do the same: and thirdly, to gratify Mr. Brinsmead's desire to let him exchange a a certain piece of upland: and also what other matters there may be thought good to attend in the said meeting

a grant of the third division to Andrew Belcher

June 26th 1672: At a public meeting of the inhabitants it is granted to Andrew Belcher that he shall have his third division of upland near the new pond at the east side thereof joining to the Cow Commons (that was some-time spoken of) so as it may not hinder a cartway. Also in the same meeting it was granted to John Rediat Sr. that he should have his third division of upland at the upper end of Cedar Meadow between Cedar Meadow and the way to Chauncy so as it hinder no former grant.

Thomas Brigham's and
Samuel Goodenow's
Grant of a division of upland

Also in the same meeting it was granted to Thomas Brigham and Samuel Goodenow that thy shall have their third division of upland by Double pond meadow on both sides of the said meadow and to come up to the cartway and the East side so as it hinder no former grant: Also in this meeting a return was made by Sargent Ruddocke and John Woods Sr. of a lot laid out to John Rediat Jr. and it was decided by vote that it was accepted

A grant of addition of
Upland to Peter Bent

Also in the same meeting it was granted that Peter Bent shall have his third division of upland due to him on the southwest of his meadow at Stony Brook beyond the brook near his said meadow

Surveyors chosen to
Measure land

In this meeting Obadiah Ward and Abraham Williams are appointed surveyors: to lay out lands for those that shall call them and pay them provided that both [of] them have a right to what they desire: and the said surveyors are to measure what they lay out and make a return to the town of what they lay out: and from hereforth this town will accept of no other laying out.

[*Note: the following entry added at a later time*]
Also it granted to Mr. Brinsmead and widow Hunt that they shall have their third division of upland upon the plain where Sargent Ruddocke hath taken up his said division and if the said Mr. Brinsmead and Widow Hunt cast lots for the same [,] he that is cast out shall have liberty to take up the lot that John Brigham had taken … Chauncy and if Goodwife Hunt do take the said Brigham's lot then she shall have liberty to take up the remainder in the foresaid plain … wherein the common land so as respect be had to highways: this is recorded according to order by me, William Kerley

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Marlborough the 10th of July 1672

Moses Newton
John Fay and
Gershom Eames
placed in seats in
the Meeting House

at a meeting of the selectmen: it is ordered that Moses Newton, John Fay and

Gershom Eames shall have liberty they and their wives to sit in the two end Seats in the Meeting House they paying for the same account as others have done

Sargent Ruddocke to
Procure powder
The selectmen agree to
Meet on Saturday
John Woods … of to
Be a selectman

In the same meeting the selectmen have desired and appointed Sargent Ruddocke to see if he can get a supply of powder for the town's store: And the selectmen have further ordered and agreed that they will meet upon every Saturday at eight of the clock in the morning at the place that shall be appointed: Also in this meeting John Woods gave of to act as a selectman

A town meeting
Warned

At a meeting of the selectmen September 20th 1672 the selectmen have appointed a town meeting on the 27th of this instant September to consider of a way to make a comfortable supply for our minister, secondly to take course that those that have not yet had their third division of upland laid out may now have the same laid out to them, and thirdly to choose some men to join with Mendon to lay out a way between Marlborough and Mendon

The price of corn
To the Minister

Marlborough September the 27th 1672
In a public town meeting the town have agreed by vote that the price of wheat to our pastor for this year shall be four shillings the bushel and for what is behind that should have been formerly paid shall be paid the wheat if it be forthwith paid shall be at four shillings the bushel: and the Indian [corn] as the price is now below in the Bay: or else to pay part instead thereof

The deacons and
Selectmen are to
Fetch in the minister's
Pay

Also the town further ordered that the deacons and the selectmen do forthwith take course that those that are behind with our pastor shall forthwith bring in their due according to the order of the town

A place reserved
For clay

Also in the same meeting the town have ordered that a parcel of land on the

south side of Stony Brook towards the upper end of Peter Bent's meadow where Nathaniel Johnson and John Bellows did lately fetch clay, be left for the use of the town for to get clay: and that to such an extent as to twenty rods from that point that they opened and so round about

Wm Ward's chosen
Meadow confirmed

It is further ordered that William Ward Sr. shall hold and enjoy his meadow at Chauncy as it was laid out both upland and meadow according to the return that was brought to the town at this meeting by William Kerley and John Woods Sr.

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Surveyors are to
Lay out third division

Also in the same meeting the town have approved that those men that were lately chosen to lay out land shall and are hereby empowered to lay out the remainder of the third division of upland

Liberty to Deacon
Ward to take his third
Division in two places

Further it is granted to Deacon Ward that he shall have liberty to take his third division of upland in two places and hath already chosen part of it adjoining to his meadow at Chauncy and the town land consented thereunto

Men chosen to lay
out a way to Mendon

And further in the same meeting Deacon Ward and John Barnes are chosen to join with Mendon men to lay out a way betwixt Marlborough and Mendon∴

A place granted to
John Rediat Sr. to take
his third division of
upland

also in this town meeting it was granted to John Rediat Sr. that he shall have and enjoy the six acres of upland that was formerly laid out to him in reference to the badness of his house lot∴

A place granted to
Abraham WMs and
John Brigham

Also it was granted that Abraham Williams and John Brigham shall have their third division upland in the place formerly desired that is on Liquor meadow plain Recorded by me William Kerley Clerk

Order to reserve
Places for public
Use

At a meeting of the selectmen the 16th of October 1672 it is ordered that where there doth approve any place that may be of public benefit to this town in any of the common lands of this town either for mills highways or otherwise it shall be resolved for the town's use and not appropriated to any particular man: and the surveyors are and hereby appointed to take care hereof∴ by us

Select { William Ward, John Ruddocke, Solomon Johnson, John Rediat, Abraham Williams, William Kerley } men

William Kerley and
Abraham WMs allowed
For attending the
Committee at Charles-
Town

In the same meeting of the selectmen it is allowed to Abraham Williams and William Kerley for their attending the Committee at Charlestown June the 19th ('72) to each of them four shillings besides their own expense which was expended on the Committee and themselves ∴ Also to the Constable was allowed for executing of those warrants two shillings

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Deacon Ward
Liberty to take
Up the remainder
Of his third division
Of upland

At a public meeting of the inhabitants the twentieth of the tenth month one thousand six hundred seventy two: William Ward Sr. was granted liberty to take up the remainder of his third division of upland upon the plain southwest from Andrew Belcher's pond so as it hinder no former grant

A place granted
To John Brown to
Take third division
Of upland

Also in the same meeting John Brown is granted to have his third division of upland] on the west side of his meadow at Middle Meadow joining to his said meadow

John Brown
Return
John Brown having made a return in this meeting unto the town of his third division of upland being laid out: the said return was read in the town meeting and the town accepted and approved of the said return

An agreement
With Thomas Rice
To make a pound [enclosure]
In this meeting agreement was made with Thomas Rice to make a new pound for the use of this town: the contracts of which here followeth:

This writing witnesseth an agreement between Thomas Rice of this town and the town of Marlborough the other party: that the said Thomas Rice is to build a new pound for the use of this town: the dimensions thereof are to be as followeth: that is to say twelve panes of rails three panes in each side with the rails to be nine foot long well hewn to seven inches deep: and morticed in the mortice to be five or six inches long: the three lower most to be three inches asunder and the two next to be four inches asunder and the uppermost rail to be six inches from that next below it: and to be six rails in every pane: the posts to be set two foot in the ground, the two uppermost rails to be pinned. Also a rail over the yard he is to shoulder in the rails with an inch and a half tenon : he is to follow draw and raise and this work being work performed and done at or before the last of March next after the date hereof. The town is to pay to the said Thomas Rice three pounds and ten shillings in marketable wheat at four shillings six pence the bushel: to all which is above written each party have hereunto set their hands the 20th Day of December 1672 Thomas Rice

Signed and delivered
In the town meeting William Kerley
on behalf of the Town

John Woods Sr.
Chosen surveyor
John Woods Sr. is appointed to measure and lay out land with Abraham Williams and to make return to the town of what they lay out ·:
this above written was read and owned by the town in the town meeting the 20th of December :1672
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18 Marlborough 1672

An order to pre-
vent spoil[age] of

timber common

January the 20th. 1672 for the preventing of spoil of timber in common the Selectmen do order: that from henceforth if any person within this Town be found to cut down building timber, clapboard timber, fencing timber[--] cedar, pine or hemlock without having first had and obtained of the selectmen: they shall pay to the use of this town nineteen shillings for every tree so fallen: and for all other timber and firewood the Selectmen do order that if any person within this town shall from henceforth cut down firewood and let it lay more than one month or if that which is already fallen do not cut out within one month: all such firewood and timber being found a foresaid and not cut out as firewood is want to be cut: it shall be in the liberty of any man that have a town right in this town to take it for his own use: and for all other timber as whole timber and timber for carts and plows whatsoever shall be found fallen for such uses and not cut out within one month it shall be lawful for any as aforesaid to take and make use of the ·:Same for themselves ·: This was recorded in the presence of the Selectmen and owned to be a true record

Recorded by William Kerley, Clerk

The 23rd of March 1674 This order is repealed William Kerley, Clerk

A rate for the Minister from February to August

A rate for the Minister From August to February

Also a rate was made to pay our Minister for the half year: beginning the second of February and completed the second of August next after and it was raised at five pence half penny an acre: also another rate was afterward made to pay the other half year from August the second until February the second following in the same year raised also at five pence half penny an acre.

A Town rate

Also a town rate was made June the 21st: to pay the town debts and it was raised at three pence and acre upon all lands rateable by the Committee order the sum of which was 14£-15s-6p-1f

A rate for the Pound

Also a rate was made January 16th 1672 to pay for the building

of a new pound and it was raised at three farthings and acre the
sum of this rate was 3£-16s-7p-3 at the end of the year '72

Marlborough 1672/3

William Kerley and
Abraham WMs ap-
Pointed to see what
Timber is taken for
Fencing

At a meeting of the selectmen March the 18th 1672/3: the select-
men do order and appoint that Abraham Williams and William
Kerley are to go with such as call them to see what trees they
take for fencing and to keep record of those trees that are taken
and any inhabitant that have right to any fencing timber shall
repair to own or other of these men to go with them to see where
and how many trees they do take and to keep record of those trees that are
taken: and those men that call them out and to allow them for their
time and if any do take fencing trees and do not attend this order for every

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tree so fallen if the feller be found shall pay nineteen shillings a tree for
every tree so fallen these to be to the use of the town ·: Also in the same
meeting

a Town meeting
warned

March the eighth one thousand six hundred seventy-three: the selectmen
have appointed a town meeting upon the fourteenth of this instant
March at the Meeting House at eight of the clock: that was made
to hear and account for the town rate by the Clerk: that was made
the last year: Secondly: that those men whom the town is in debt-
ed may bring their accounts to the town: thirdly: to see the town's mind
whether the town will pay £8 to Mr. Green by rate or by selling of some
land to raise the first said eight pounds: and what or may be needful to
be done:. In the same meeting Samuel Goodenow is allowed to take :8:
of his fencing trees: he taking them according to order: Also Sargent
Ruddocke is allowed to take :13: of his fencing trees he taking them according
to order :.

Marlborough the 14th of March: 1673

An account given
By the Clerk

In a public meeting of the inhabitants: an account was given by the Clerk of the depositing of thee town rate that was raised the last year and there is in his hands :eight shillings nine pence farthing: also in the same meeting bills were brought in to the town by those whom the Town was indebted: which were allowed according as is expressed upon the said bills: which was to

	£	s	p	f
John How Sr.	02	14	0	0
To Thomas Brigham	00	02	0	0
To Jonathan Johnson	00	01	06	0
To Samuel Goodenow	00	01	06	0
To Thomas Barnes	00	10	00	0
To Deacon William Ward	00	05	00	0
To John Barnes	00	06	00	0
To Sargent Ruddocke	01	12	00	0
To William Kerley	04	13	00	0

Allowance for
Badness of mea-
dow

Also in the same meeting the town allowed to those men here afore-mentioned: for and in consideration of the badness of their meadows: To John Barnes two acres: to Richard Newton two acres and a half To Samuel Ward two acres: to John Johnson two acres and a half To John How Sr. two acres and a half: to Deacon Ward for the badness of his meadow at Cold Harbor: he is allowed one acre and a half more: to John How Sr. for the badness of his meadow at Cold Harbor: one acre

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A recompense for
Bad meadows

To John Brown for and in consideration of the badness of his Meadow at Chauncy, two acres and for allowance to his meadow at Cold Harbor one acre, for Edward Rice the town have allowed four acres and to Thomas Brigham two acres: and to John Johnson one acre and to Johnathan Johnson one acre according to the said returns: Peter Bent dissents herefrom

John Fay have lib-
erty granted to change
Nine acres of land

In the foresaid meeting: the town have granted to John Fay liberty to lay down nine acres of upland which the said Fay … of Samuel Goode-now and to take it up part of it in the swamp near his house by Richard Newton's south side of his house lot: and the remainder of it on the south side of the said Newton's addition that is near unto the said John Fay's new dwelling house: yet so as he have a high-way betwixt the land that his house now stands and the land that he now takes up:

A rate to be made
to pay Wm Green

Also in the said meeting the town have ordered that a rate shall be made to pay Wm Green eight pounds in money: and also a rate to pay the other debts that are allowed by the town: also the town have ordered that the price of wheat that may or shall be paid to this rate shall go at four shillings and six pence the bushel and Indian [corn] at two shillings eight pence the bushel

Marlborough the 15th of April: 1673

A sale of land to
Christopher Banister

At a public meeting of the inhabitants of this town: the town have sold unto Christopher Banister forty acres of upland for him and his heirs forever: and he hath liberty to take up the same on the north side of [the] Assabet river: near unto Sargent Ruddocke's wading place or cartway that goes over the said river: and so running downward to his own mea-dow: and for and in consideration of the said forty acres of upland: the said Banister is to pay or cause to be paid present in hand six pound and ten shillings of current money of mowing land: to be paid by said Banister to those whom the town shall appoint to receive the same:.

Deacon Ward appoint-
ed to receive the
money for the town

In the same meeting Deacon William Ward was appointed to receive the foresd money of Christopher Banister for the use of the town.

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A sale of Land
To Thomas Barnes
Also in the same meeting the town have sold unto Thomas Barnes forty acres of upland: to him and his heirs forever, the sd land is to take up on the north side of the great brook that comes from the northwest: and for and in consideration of this land the sd Thomas Barnes is to pay or cause to be paid six pounds and ten shillings in current money of New England: to be paid present in hand to him whom the town have appointed to receive the same.

Deacon Ward
appointed to
receive money
of Thomas Barnes
and to pay Mr. Green
And Deacon William Ward is appointed to receive this money of Thomas Barnes for the use of the town: and out of this money and which he received of Christopher Banister he is to pat Mr. Green eight pounds and to keep the remainder for the use of the town.

Marlborough the 10th of June 1673:
Deacon Ward
is to buy a law
book
The selectmen being met together have agreed by vote that Deacon Ward shall provide one of the new printed law books for the use of the selectmen and the constable: and he is to procure them with the money that is in his hands that he raised for the use of the town

Marlborough the 30th of June: 1673

Deacon Ward
ordered to discharge
the account of the
Court House expense
at Boston
At a meeting of the selectmen it is ordered by the foresaid

Selectmen that Deacon William Ward shall discharge the bills of accounts brought in by Sargent Ruddocke and William Kerley of that expense that was laid out by the persons aforesaid at the meeting of the committee at Boston in May 1673: and was so ordered by the honored committee: namely that the town should bear the charge of the committee and of Mr. Green: as also the charge of Sargent Ruddocke and William Kerley as doth further approve upon their order.

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Marlborough the 23rd of March 1673/4

At a meeting of the selectmen it is ordered that for as much as by experience it is that not withstanding all former orders that hath been made by the town and also by the selectmen for prevention of waste of timber in Common yet not withstanding the … at is not attained but troubles doth still arise by means of too many disorders that are among us, therefore the selectmen do order that if persons within this town that hath not lands in this town they shall pay to the use of the town :19 s: for every tree that they shall be found] to fell contrary to this order, provided that no person is hereby forbidden to employ a non-] proprietor in felling wood or timber on the commons for the use of the sd proprietor only, they may take and use wood that is broken down with the wind such as is best only for firewood and this liberty to continue only till further order be taken: and every person that hath a town right in this town right in this town's commons hath hereby liberty to take timber and firewood for their own necessary use provided they make use thereof forthwith, but if it be lastly more than two months they shall pay five shillings acres for every tree so fallen and lastly as aforesaid except it doth appear to the selectmen that they are handed by some … out of good more than ordinary, but if it be found that they do fell to sell or to give to such as hath no town rights in the town, or is such fallen shall pay as a fine to the use of this town nineteen shillings acre for every tree so fallen and John Johnson, John Barnes, William Kerley and] Abraham Williams are hereby appointed to take notice of what is done contrary to this as not to allow any liberty for any person to cut timber on the south side of Stony Brook but every person is hereby prohibited on penalty of paying :19s: for every tree that shall be fallen on that side of the said Brook except Cedar. And the order made by the select-men in reference to timber bearing [the] date January the 20th: 1674 is hereby repealed

By order of the Selectmen William Kerley

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November the 24th 1673:
In a public meeting of the inhabitants the town have agreed to allow Sargent

Ruddocke one pound and three shillings for his … at Boston during the time that he was Deputy of the General Court.

In this meeting Deacon Ward gave an account of £12-18s-1p of money that was put into his hands by order of the town, and the town accepted this account:.

Also in this meeting an agreement was made with John How Sr. and the town: and there is] due to the said John How from the town four pounds ten shillings and 6 pence and John Ruddocke and] William Kerley are indebted to the town each of them two shillings and six pence.]

Also at this meeting John Woods Sr. was chosen Constable.

Recorded by Mr. William Kerley Clerk

At a meeting of the selectmen February the fifth: 1673 that a rate should be made for our pastor for the last half year which is from the first or second of February to the second of August

Marlborough the 12th of January 1673

In a public meeting of the inhabitants it is ordered that those men that have not had their proportion of Cedar Swamp they shall have their parts thereof in the Great Swamp beginning next to the orchard and so are successively till all are served, also in the same meeting it was ordered] that the town bounds shall be run by dividing the town into squadrons and the selectmen are to appoint] every squadron their bounds :.

Marlborough the second of April: 1674

In a public meeting of the inhabitants an account was given by the Clerk of the last Year's rate which said account after examination was accepted, also in the same meeting an account was taken of what the town was indebted and there was

allowed by the town] as followeth	£	s	p	f
to Deacon Ward and Sargent Ruddocke for a supply of powder	01	19	0	0
to Sargent Ruddocke for his charges in time and other expenses	03	00	0	0
to this three pounds Sargent Ruddocke is not to be rated and this aforesaid sums are to be paid in money] Also to Thomas Barnes	00	10	0	0
to Deacon Ward	00	06	0	0
to John Woods Sr,	00	03	0	0
to Abraham How	00	06	04	0
to Christopher Banister	00	05	04	0
to Samuel Goodenow	00	03	04	0
to Jonathan Johnson	00	03	0	0
to Sargent Ruddocke	00	04	0	0
to William Kerley	02	09	0	0

to Abraham Williams	00	08	0	0
to John Barnes	01	02	0	0
to John How Sr.	01	16	0	0

this one pound sixteen shillings was by agreement of the town in a town meeting before allowed to John How Sr.:

William Kerley T.C.

Marlborough October the 31st ; 1674

At a meeting of the selectmen it is ordered by the selectmen aforesaid that if any person or persons living within this town that hath not a town right in the commons in this town who doth suffer their horses, swine or other cattle to go on the foresaid commons before has or they have first obtained liberty of the selectmen

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Marlborough: 1674

The General Court order
About Deacon Ward's
Lot and Jona Johnson's
House lot
The breadth of the
Road

At a meeting of the Committee of the General Court for Marlborough it was ordered by the Committee aforesaid that the highway betwixt Deacon William Ward's house lot and Jonathan Johnson's house lot although it were stated or appointed at first to be six rods wide and was so recorded by Mr. Green on the new Town Book, the Committee doth order the bounds of the sd Johnson's land at that place shall stand and remain as they were at first marked out, and the land that was then left betwixt the sd Deacon Ward's lot and the sd Johnson's lot to abide and remain for a highway: this is recorded by order of the Committee

William Kerley Clerk

Marlborough the 6th of June 1674

At a meeting of the selectmen it is agreed between the selectmen and this town and those men hereafter named namely Josias How, Moses Newton and Joseph Newton that the selectmen do by virtue of the honored Committee's order given forth May the twentieth 1674 allow those forenamed that they shall keep upon the commons of this town those beast and cattle that they now have from the date hereof until the first of March next they paying to all rates and dues in this town according to town order which proportion of theirs by this agreement is a much for every beast that they now have upon the common, as others that hath s town right doth for an acre of land, and this is to be understood of those rates and dues that doth arise in this town before the first of March next: Josias How hath 7 cattle allowed,

Moses Newton hath 6 cattle allowed, Joseph Newton hath 3 cattle allowed:.
This above written was read and owned by those men forenamed to be a mutual Agreement betwixt themselves and the selectmen, as attested

William Kerley Clerk

Also in a meeting of the selectmen the 26th of October
it was allowed to Gersham Young and Henry Wren that their cattle should go on the common for this year paying to all charges in this town as those above mentioned on the 6th : June :'74

Marlborough October the 31st: 1674

At a meeting of the selectmen it is ordered by the selectmen aforesaid that if any person or persons living within this town that hath not a town right in the commons this town who doth suffer their horses, cattle or swine to go on the commons before he or they have first obtained liberty of the selectmen, they shall pay for every horse or swine or other beast that shall be taken or found by any in this town that hath a town right, the owner of such horse, swine or beast shall pay twelve pence for any beast as often aa they shall be taken or found as aforesaid the one half to the finder and the other half to the town:

William Kerley T. C.

Marlborough November the 16th: 1674

In a public meeting of the inhabitants it is granted to William Kerley and the rest of that company that had their pots betwixt Chauncy and Middle Meadow that they shall perfect their lots according to the plot that was made by Mr. Taylor betwixt this and the last of March next ensuing:] Also it is granted to Samuel Ward that he have his third division of upland on the north side of Assabet River on both sides of the highway that goes to Lancaster joining to the said highway: it is further ordered that all those that have lands granted in this town shall lay out the same before the last of June next on penalty of paying one pound and acre for every acre that shall be unlaid out at the last of June aforesaid:. It is further ordered that William Kerley and the surveyors shall call Thomas Rice at the time that the law appoints for the running of bounds to run the bounds betwixt the said Rice's middle meadow and that which was common meadow
but some [had] laid out to John Barnes.

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In the foresaid meeting it was granted to Jonathan Johnson that he shall have and enjoy the meadow that was laid out on the south side of Stony Brook meadow, and to have the same as It was laid out to him by the surveyors: namely five acres which five acres is to be accounted

but three acres: this aforewritten was read in the town meeting and owned by the town to be a town record of the town's Act on November the 16th :1674 recorded by
William Kerley T.C.

Marlborough the 8th of March: 1674/5
At a meeting of the Selectmen: the Selectmen having read and considered the highway that Lieth betwixt the house lot that sometime was Henry Kerley's but now in the possession of Abraham Williams: and the house lot that was sometime Andrew Belcher's but now in the possession of Abraham Williams: and finding a necessity that the said way toward the eastern end of the foresaid lots should lie wherever it is now trodden: and the said Abraham is to leave the highway at that place as wide as it is at other places and that which left at the lower side of next to Abraham Williams his pasture the said Abraham is to take that for full satisfaction: and the highway that runs from Widow Hunt's up to Thomas Brigham's and so into the town towards the Meeting House the said way in that place is to remain as it was: that is to say all that land that is common from Andrew Belcher's bound marker at the east end of that lot and so along toward the Meeting House betwixt the said Brigham's fences to remain for highway although it be wider at that place than elsewhere: This is a true record [made] by me William Kerley T.C.

Marlborough the 15th of March: 1674/5
At a meeting of the inhabitants ab account given by the Clerk of the rate that was made in the year 1674 and accepted by vote of the town: also in the same meeting an account was indebted and the town allowed as followith:

	£	s	p
To Deacon Johnson	00	10	0
To William Kerley	02	10	0
To Thomas Barnes	00	08	0
To Jonathan Johnson	00	01	0
To Nathaniel Johnson	00	09	0
To John Newton	00	16	0
To John Barnes	00	02	0
To Solomon Goodenow	00	02	0
To Samuel Ordway	00	02	0
To Samuel Brigham	00	02	0
To Eliazer Ward	00	02	0
To John Rediat Jr.	00	02	0
To Isaac How	00	02	0
To Moses Newton	00	06	0
	05	16	0

Also in this same meeting Sargent Ruddocke and John Woods Sr. are chosen to treat with the Indians at Captain Gookin's Court and to make a full agreement with them about the purchase of this plantation and the town doth by these engage to hand to what they shall do in this matter.
This is a town record by me William Kerley T.C.

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Marlborough: 1675

Thu: 19: of March: 1674/5

Orders about fences and cattle

At a meeting of the selectmen it is ordered that all swine be yoked and ringed by the 15th of April next after the date hereof: and what swine shall be found after the time aforesaid the owners of such swine shall pay as a fine six pence for want of a yoke and six pence for want of a ring and this order is to continue until the first of November next after the date hereof: And further it is ordered that all great cattle be herded by the first of May on penalty of paying six pence for any beast that shall be taken in the common without a keeper, only this order doth not extend to working cattle when turned off from work nor to cattle that may by accident stray from [their] herd: And the order that was made in the year 1674 concerning fences is to continue and remain in force for the year 1675: And the selectmen will look to the executing of these orders :.

This is a true record by me William Kerley T.C.

A grant of land to Jonathan Johnson for his 3rd division of upland

At a public meeting of the inhabitants the 17th of May 1675: it was granted to Jonathan Johnson that he shall have liberty to take 30 acres of upland on the south side of Stony Brook near the meadow of Richard Newton and he is to take the fore-said land so as it may not hinder any highway that is already laid out or that is needful to be laid out—the said Johnson relinquishing all former grants by the town as to his :15: acres of his house lot:.

Order to destrain [?] of Jonathan Johnson for not paying his dues [as] to rates

And further in the same meeting it was ordered by a vote of the town that a warrant should be put forth in the constable's hand by the Clerk in the behalf of the town to destrain of Jonathan Johnson of this town for not paying his due to the town rate bearing date March the 22:1675: And also for one shilling and six pence due on the town rate bearing date of April the second: 1674:.

Approved by me William Kerley Clerk

Marlborough the 16th of July 1677:

In a public town meeting was agreed that our pastor should have twenty Pounds for the half year issuing that is to say from the time that the last half year did end: till a half year be complete.

In the same meeting it was granted that Thomas Martin can process any land that is in the house lots: of the owners thereof: he hath liberty to lay down the same … the cow commons and to take up as much in the said commons in such place as it may be convenient for him

to build upon so as it prejudice no highway provided also that it exceed not six acres.

Approved by me William Kerley Clerk

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This half year began with June and endeth with November

December the 17th 1677
At a public town meeting it was agreed upon and noted to that our pastor should have fifteen pounds in money allowed him for the last past half year and that such as did not pay in money should pay that they did pay in other ways so as it might be as good as money without any charge to the pastor.
This is a true record By me Abraham Williams Clerk

A new choice of Town clerk and Selectmen

At a public meeting of the inhabitants August 29th 1677
The town having called together for to choose a town clerk and selectmen and to bring in the invoices and choose a commissioner, Abraham Williams was chosen clerk for that year ensuing and Abraham Williams, John Woods, John How, Solomon Johnson
Thomas Brigham were chosen selectmen for the ensuing year and Lieutenant Ruddocke was chosen commissioner to join with the selectmen in taking the invoices as accord-ing as the law directs

This is a true record by me Abraham Williams T.C.

Men appointed To take account Of the constable

At a town meeting December the 10th 1677 it was agreed upon and voted Lieutenant Ruddocke and Thomas Brigham should go with the clerk to take account of the constable John Woods how he had disposed

of that pay he had taken to the treasurer or by his order
Mr. Jefferson … the general court of the town, upon
their disbursements from the country's service: and bring
their return to the town on the next following second day.
This work was attended by the clerk and Thomas Brigham,
Lieutenant Ruddocke not being well, and a return made how
their funds matters

This is a true record by me Abraham Williams

T. Clerk

The town day book
And some of the writing and
Orders of the committee
Brought in by
Ensign Kerley

At the same town meeting it was agreed upon and
voted that Ensign Kerley should bring into the town
meeting the second day above mentioned all such writings
as did belong to the town and were for their use and
also the town book and there deliver them for the
inhabitants to the town clerk Abraham Williams
this also was done in part …

This is a true record by me Abraham Williams T.C.

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Constable and
Surveyors chosen

At a town meeting December 31st 1677
John Brigham was chosen constable
at the same meeting also John Maynard Sr. and
Richard Barnes were chosen surveyors for the highways
It was also then agreed upon that they should mend the stickey [?]
bridge as we go to Sudbury mill and make it passable
for horses

The powder to be
Called in

Also it was agreed upon at the same meeting that the
Selectmen should call in the ammunition that is out of
town and that they be on account of the full compliment
delivered out to the masters of the garrisons that so there

might be [a] supply in time of need.

Stocks and pound
To be repaired
Also it was agreed upon at the same meeting that a
new pair of stocks should be made and John Newton
was appointed to make them
and also that the pound should be repaired and get in
order as the land requires

A [new] way to Sudbury
To be found out
Finally it was agreed that a way to Sudbury
should be looked out by some and that more agreed we may
have a better way thither than we now go in and have
it … and … and John How and Richard Newton appointed
to seek a way This is a true record by me Abraham Williams T.C.

A rate for the
Minister for half
A year
It was agreed to by a vote of the town that there should
be a rate made of fifteen pounds for the payment of the
minister for half a year then past, this fifteen pounds
to be paid in money by such as can money and such
as cannot pay money (but) pay in Indian corn should
pay a rate and half that is twenty-two pounds ten shillings
and pay the corn at two shillings four pence the bushel
This is a true record of the town order
by me Abraham Williams T. clerk

Surveyors chosen
At the same meeting Abraham Williams and Thomas
Brigham were chosen by the town to lay out lands to
those to whom it is due from the town

a clerk and
selectmen
chosen
Marlborough July the 12th 1678
The town being warned together for that end
Abraham Williams was chosen clerk for the town for the
year ensuing, selectmen were also chosen then

viz. Abraham Williams, William Ward Sr., Solomon Johnson
John How, Abraham How, John Rediat and Edward Rice,
Henry Kerley commissioner and the invoice taken.
This is a true record of the town acts at that meeting
by me Abraham Williams Town Clerk

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Marlborough 1678

Men chosen to go
To the county court
For a way to Sudbury
Marlborough September the 26th 1678
At a meeting of the inhabitants William Ward Sr.
John How and Abraham Williams were appointed by
a vote of the town to go to the next county court
to be held at Cambridge and use their best endeavors for the
obtaining of a convenient highway between our town and
Sudbury
A meeting appointed
To grant lots for
A smith, a cooper
And tailor
Further at the same meeting it was agreed to that the town
should be called together the 7th of October next after the present
date to see if they would grant some land to accommodate
a smith a cooper and a tailor the town having great
need of these tradesmen
this is a true record of what was acted that meeting
by me Abraham Williams town clerk

October 7th 1678
At a meeting of the inhabitants they having debated
the thing proposed they granted by a vote three lots
containing six acres a piece to be laid out in the cow commons
to which lots there should be added twelve acres a piece out
of the common lands without the bounds of the cow commons
and to each lot six acres of meadow where it could be found
and free common any as others have they paying rates and
charges that shall arise as others do after their entrance upon
them and they to be for the accommodation of such …

when such do appear as the town approve of viz. a smith
a cooper and a tailor.
At the same meeting Deacon Ward and John Brigham
were appointed to view a piece of land Moses Newton
petitioned the town for and bring a return to the town.
This be a true record of the acts of the town that day
By me Abraham Williams town clerk

A meeting to
Agree about a sum
For the minister
November the 25th 1678
At a meeting of the inhabitants it was jointly agreed to
and voted by the town that we should pay to our minister
for this last half year now ending with this month
thirty pounds the one half in wheat the
other half in other grain at the country price or fifteen
pounds in money, and that such inhabitants as are not
proprietors in the town should pay according to their
country invoice a rate and a half and it should be abated of the
thirty pounds to the proprietors, this is a true record
by me Abraham Williams clerk

Non proprietors also
To be rated according
To the first order
Neither of ...
But are on the next side
After this our minister not liking what was done, the town
Upon the 16th of December 1678 agreed to pay to our minister
Fifteen pounds in money for the above said half year or £22 10p in
Corn half in English and half in Indian the English wheat
At four shillings six pence, Rye, peas, barley at three shillings sixpence and
Indian corn at two shillings 6 pence per bushel
This is a true record by me Abraham Williams town clerk

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A town meeting
Called by the select-
Men about a smith, cooper

Tailer and
Other things

November the 15th 1678
At a meeting of the selectmen the selectmen agreed to call
the inhabitants together on the 25th of the present month at
9 of the clock in the morning and then to present to them
James Sawyer for a smith, Samuel Stow for a tailor
Joshua Wheat for a cooper to see how for the town would
approve of them, as also to take an account of the town debts
and provide to pay them to give John How an answer to
his petition for the exchange of Thomas Davies house lot that he
lay it down when it formerly was to the commons again and take
up other in lieu of it upon patch plain
and lastly to present John Mathis' petition for a piece of land
to settle upon these things were upon the day appointed presented and
attended – this is a true record by me Abraham Williams Clerk

James Sawyer
His grant

November the 25th 1678
At a meeting of the inhabitants there was granted to
James Sawyer a blacksmith by trade six acres of upland in
the cow commons where it could be found convenient for him
and twelve acres of u[land out of the bounds of the cow commons
and six acres of meadow out of the bounds of the cow commons
where it can be found after others are secured that have grants
before them not yet taken up. He the above sd James Sawyer
continuing upon it seven years if God spare his life or if he
see cause to leave it before to get in a sufficient workman of the
kind the town shall approve of or leave land to the town.
Lieutenant John Ruddocke, Ensign Wm Kerley, Jonathan Johnson
Dissented from this act and voted of the town
this is a true record by me Abraham Williams Town Clerk

Samuel Stow
His grant

At the same meeting there was granted to Samuel Stow a tailer
by trade six acres of upland in the cow commons where it
can be found convenient for him, with twelve acres of
upland without the bounds of the cow commons and six acres
of meadow where it can be found without the bounds of the

cow commons after others have taken up their meadows whose
grants were before his: he the above sd Samuel Stow to
continue upon it seven years if God spare his life, and
if he see cause to leave it before to get in another workman
of that trade the town shall approve of or leave the land
to the town
Lieutenant John Ruddocke, Ensign Wm Kerley, Solomon Johnson
John Johnson and Jonathan Johnson dissented from this vote.
This is a true record by me Abraham Williams town clerk

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November the 25th
At the meeting on the other side specified there was granted
to Joshua Wheat a cooper by trade six acres of upland
in the cow commons for a house lot with twelve acres of
upland without the bounds of the cow commons and
six acres of meadow without the bounds of the cow commons
where it can be found after such are secured that have grants
before him, he doing the work of the town for seven years
if God continue his life and if he see reason to leave it before
the seven years are up he shall get in a sufficient workman
of that trade the town shall approve of or else leave the land
to the town.
Lieutenant John Ruddocke, Ensign Wm Kerley, John Johnson
and Jonathan Johnson dissented from this vote.
This is a true record by me Abraham Williams town clerk.

At the same meeting it was granted to John How that
if he purchases Thom Barrel's land he should have leave to lay
it down and take up so much of the house lot contained
on Patch plain in lieu of it so that he did not prejudice
any highways there.
This is a true record by me Abraham Williams town clerk.

The town debts
Allowed
at the same meeting these debts of the town were
allowed £ s p f

to Deacon Ward for providing glass				
for the Meeting House	0	15	0	0
to Deacon Johnson for serving the				
Meeting House general years	1	16	0	0
to Moses Newton for two wolves	1	0	0	0
to John How for victualing the committee of				
Militia]	0	9	0	0
to John How for old debt	0	11	0	0
to Nathaniel Johnson for two days time				
about the new way to Sudbury	0	3	0	0
to Jonathan Johnson	0	0	4	0
to John Newton for the [town] stocks	0	5	0	0
to John Woods	1	13	4	0
to Abraham Williams for the town work	1	0	0	0
for Lieutenant Hugh Drury	0	8	0	0
to James Taylor	0	3	0	0
to Abraham How	0	1	0	0
the sum	7	05	2	0

At the same meeting the town gave order by a vote
for the making of a rate to pay these debts
This is a true record by me Abraham Williams town clerk.

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Marlborough 1678

A rate for
The highways
Granted
December the 2nd 1678
At a meeting of the selectmen it was agreed unto that a
rate of three pennies [an] acre shall be made for the
repairing the highways according to the present custom
of the town that all rateable lands should pay to it
and that inhabitants that were non-proprietors should
work in the highways every man one day a period
and that the proprietors should be allowed out of their
rate eighteen pence a day for a man and for one yoke of
oxen and a cart and man three shillings sixpence
And that the rate being made it should be put into the hand
of the surveyors who should call men forth when they

saw need and such as refuse to come being warned
should pay or … neglected should pay a fine
three shillings for a day of a man and six shillings for
a day of a man and team.
A rate for highway work being made was sent unto
John Maynard surveyor as attested [by me] Abraham Williams clerk

The making of
The Minister's
Rate concluded
By the select-
men and How

January 23 1678
At a meeting of the selectmen they understanding
there was still difficulty about the Minister's rate gave
order that the fifteen pounds before granted should be
raised upon the proprietors only and that the lands
of Christopher Banister should be rated to John Barrett
because he possessed them as the selectmen were informed
and that Joseph Newton should be rated as a proprietor
and Abraham Williams for but 4 acres of the lands
he bought of Peter Bent be they so agreed on their
deeds and that non-proprietors should pay …
viz. 2s 6p a piece, and that this if the town con-
sented should be allowed to the Minister over and above
the fifteen pounds in money, which accordingly was
though with difficulty consented to by a vote of
the town when the rate were published
This is a true record by me Abraham Williams town clerk.

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Marlborough 1679

A town Meeting
Warned

June the 2nd 1679
At a meeting of the selectmen it was agreed to that the town
proprietors should be called to gather on June the 9th at 12 of the
clock first to see to rates a sum to pay our minister for half
a year for which we were indebted to him and 2ndly to see if we
could comply with Thomas Breius [?] of Sudbury about the

building of a mill for the use of the town and to propose his
fens for that end which meeting accordingly was warned
This is a true record by me Abraham Williams town clerk.

The grant of
A lot to Thomas
Breius on condition
June the 9th 1679
At a public meeting of the inhabitants of Marlborough
the town treated about a mill and a miller. Thomas Breius of
Sudbury appeared willing to build and maintain a sufficient mill
for the towns use. The town by vote accepted Thomas Breius—
the plan proposed was where Angle Brook and Stony Brook
meet together or thereabouts, the town by a vote accepted it
and approved of it. Thomas Breius decided for gratification
forty acres of land to take up so as might be most convenient
for him and ten acres of meadow where it could be found with
free liberty on the commons for feeding cattle and …
and fencing and building timber for his own use: the town by vote
granted it, the aforesaid Thomas Breius promised to have the
mill ready by January next ensuing if God permit.
The town accepted of it, the sd Thomas Breius to pay rates for
a ten acre lot as we do to the Minister and the town from the
fine the mill go and forward until the way of rating be allowed.
The above sd Thomas Breius engages for himself and such persons
to maintain a mill for the towns use and when he or they
cease so to do unless it be by
casualty or providence by way of such like he or they
shall return the land to the town only to have liberty to
sell his or their building, the town concluded with him in it—
this was signed by both parties Abraham Williams town clerk
in the name of the town and Thomas Breius for himself
the day of the date according to the town's vote
Abraham Williams for the town
Thomas Breius for himself

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A grant of
Fifteen pounds in
Money to pay the
Minister for
Half a year

June the 23rd 1679 it being praying day wherein most of the inhabitants are together, the town reviewed the motion for a sum to pay to our minister for half the year for which they were indebted to him. The thing not being fully concluded on June 9th and then it was agreed to and voted that they would allow the minister 15 pounds in money or 22£ pounds 15s in corn, the corn to be paid as follows viz. wheat at four shillings six pence, rye, peas [and] barley at three shillings six pence and Indian corn two shillings 6 pence per bushel

This is a true record by me Abraham Williams Clerk.

A choice of
Town clerk
And selectmen

August the 4th 1679
At a public meeting of the inhabitants warned for
That end, the town chose Abraham Williams Clerk for
The ensuing year and they also chose selectmen viz.

Deacon William Ward
Deacon Solomon Johnson
John How
Abraham Williams
Abraham How
John Brigham
John Rediat
And Edward Rice Commissioner

to join with the selectmen in taking the invoice and perfecting it according as the law dictates.

At the same meeting John Hay desired to have liberty to take up nine acres of land that was formerly Samuel Goodenow's addition on West Hill to leave that at West Hill and take it up on the hill next the plain in reference to neighborhood it being not far off. The town considered his motion and appointed John Maynard, John Woods

and John Newton to view the place and make their return
to the services if they three above signified approved of it
who were forthwith to lay it out to him. The said Hay to
relinquish the grant of this exchange in the place near his
house where he formerly obtained a grant of exchange
of this near where in the year 1673

This is a true record by me Abraham Williams
Town Clerk

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Marlborough 1679
John Maynard
Chosen constable
December the 18th 1679
At a public meeting of the inhabitants John Maynard Sr, was chosen
Constable for the year ensuing

Recorded by me Abraham Williams T. C.

A rate granted
Of 17£ to pay
The Minister
And town debts
By county invoice
2ndly at the same meeting the town jointly agreed and acted it by vote
to raise their rates for the minister and town charges for the present year
and so forward till the town see reason to alter it, by the invoice they take
for the county, and that all such persons and estates as are not in the
county invoice but are exempted upon on around or consideration or another
shall have their persons and estates added to this invoice and shall pay as others
due according to the order of the committee in these matters
this is a true record by me Abraham Williams T. Clerk

A sale of land
To John Brigham
For Samuel
Brigham
3rdly at the same meeting the town by a joint act and vote did sell to
John Brigham for his brother Samuel Brigham thirty acres of upland
on the westerly side of the river joining upon the land of John Brigham
his third division land there which land is to be taken up in two parcels
so that it hinder no highways that are or may be useful to the town, He the

above sd John Brigham paying or causing to be paid forthwith to the select-men six pounds viz. three pounds in money and three pounds in other pay for the use of the town namely to pay forty shillings in money to Mr. John Green and three pounds in other pay to Deacon William Ward for entertaining the last committee, the other twenty shillings in money to be for the further use of the town, also the above sd Samuel Brigham hath granted him liberty for [branding] and herding [?] of cattle
this is a true record by me Abraham Williams Town Clerk

Their pound
Rate voted

4thly at the same meeting it was agreed upon and voted to by the town that we should pay to our minister seventeen pounds in money for the half year last past and ending with the last month and that such as do not pay in money should pay a third part more in other specie as we did in our former rates and at prices as we did then
This is a true record by me Abraham Williams town clerk

James Sawyer's
Grant of plot
For division land

5thly there was granted to James Sawyer or Samuel Rice for him at the same meeting a liberty to take up his twelve acres of division land on the westerly side of the River near Strawberry meadow that belongeth to Abraham Williams there, provided he hinder no high-ways that are or may be of use for the town
This is a true record by me Abraham Williams Town Clerk

35 pounds
Granted to pay
The minister for
One whole year

6thly at the same meeting it was agreed upon and jointly voted to by the town that we should allow to our Minister for the year ensuring and being begun this month, thirty-four pounds in money for the whole year and that such as d not pay in money should pay half so much more in other specie which is after the rate of fifty-two pounds ten shillings, and at such prices as we have done in our latter rates, the pastor accepting confirms this act of the town
this is a true record by me Abraham Williams Town Clerk

this was not adopted

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Marlborough 1679
December the 8th 1679

Two rates to
Be called in from
Ensign Kerley
At a public meeting of the inhabitants, the town gave order by vote that the selectmen should call in the rates that are in Ensign Kerley's hands that were made before the war, that refer to the payment of Master John Green and Lieutenant Ruddocke that they may be paid the monies that are due to them
this is a true record by me Abraham Williams Town Clerk

Richard Newton
Granted a plan
For to take
Up his allotment
Of meadow
Further at the same meeting there was granted to Joseph Newton Liberty to take up swamp by his lots end in lieu of two acres and a half of meadow that was granted to his father Richard Newton for recompense of bad as appears [in] folio 19c which two acres and a half the sd Richard giveth to Joseph his son on condition the town grant him leave to take it there, the said Joseph Newton to abate a third part of the two acres and a half of Meadow barrens he hath it in so good swamp at home – this act to be valid if no former grant hinder it
By me Abraham Williams Town Clerk

January the 12th 1679
At a public meeting of the inhabitants it was agreed upon and voted that a gallery should be built in the front of the Meeting House for the doing of which the town allowed forty shillings half in English corn and half in Indian to be paid at the county price by a rate and do appoint the selectmen to agree with any such one as should appear to do it with a convenient front and two good seats the front to be done on the other are and to engage on the town's behalf for the payment of this forty shillings

At the same meeting there being a great complaint of great spoil that

was made in the common swamps of cedar
the town by their act and vote approved John Brigham to cease
at the cedar that was fallen and cut out in the common on divided swamps
and to take it, he paying to the town two shillings per load for all he
so seizes and takes and if any person or persons do appear to claim any such
thereof he is warned from the selectmen to require them to appear and
give an account to the selectmen of their cutting of cedar then contrary
to order

entered By me Abraham Williams T. Clerk

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Marlborough 1679

January the 19th 1679
The selectmen having received information from John Brigham
and from others that were with him of that spoil there was made of the
Cedar timber in the common undivided swamps did therefore appoint a
town meeting of all the proprietors the Friday following the recent date
to consider of something that may be most expedient for a reasonable and
comfortable issue of the present inconvenience and to enact something that
may be for a prevention of further spoil and … for time to come.
January the 23rd 1679
The inhabitants and proprietors being met together and having con-
siderably debated their matters referring to the Cedar Swamp did as
followeth
first, by a joint act and vote the town acquitted all the proprietors
that had fallen any timber in time past upon the common undivided land
or swamps viz. cedar, oak, chestnut all for their necessary buildings_____
secondly, for time to come the town order that no man fell any
cedar timber upon the common undivided cedar swamps on penalty
of paying a fine according to the former order upon record in [the] new
Town Book viz. twenty shillings a tree until the town take further order for
a division of them_____
thirdly, the town order that men that are proprietors in the town
shall have liberty to fell timber upon the commons for their necessary
buildings and fencing provided they do not make spoil and waste and

that any timber that is felled by any man upon the commons and not made use of, after half a year so laying fallen shall be free for any of the proprietors to take and use_____
fourthly, the town by vote granted to John Bowker a liberty to take up ten acres of upland in lieu of Thomas Barret's lot: with sd lot of the Barret's the sd John Bowker purchased, he leaving that foresaid lot of Barret's to the commons and taking his ten acres on the westerly side of the highway that goeth to Stirrup Meadow at the southerly end of Increase Ward's house lot_____
fifthly, the town by vote remitted the trespass of Lancaster men as to their trespass in the cedar swamps that are undivided and allow them leave to take the cedar they have already fallen and cut out provided they and the rest of the non=proprietors pay Joh Brigham and those that work with him for their day's work in the service of the town viz. in searching the cedar swamps _____
lastly, the town by vote granted to John Brigham the Cedar Swamp that layeth by Cold Harbor Meadow southerly of the meadow for his full allowance of cedar, he to make no more claims of any right from the town to any cedar

this is a true account of the town's acts and votes that day By me Abraham Williams town clerk

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January the 29th 1679

The selectmen of this town chose four tithing men viz.
Lieutenant John Ruddocke, Lieutenant Henry Kerley, Edward Rice and Nathaniel Joselin, and gave them the oath as the law directs on
February the 2nd 1679

May the 15th 1680
The inhabitants being most considered [?] the necessity of tunning the bounds of this plantation that so the marks [markers] might be revised and in order to the doing of it, Obadiah Ward, Nathaniel Johnson, Richard Barns and Thomas Brigham were chosen to run the lines and renew the marks.
the [town] promised to allow them two shillings per day a piece and they are to make as good speed as they can and make a return to the town

At the same meeting it was agreed upon that thirteen men should go out to kill rattlesnakes, eight to Cold Harbor Ward and so to the other place they call Boston [Hill]—and five to Stony Brook ward to the places thereabout; John Brigham to call out seven with him to the first [division] and John Newton four with him to the latter, and they were to have two shillings apiece per day out of town rates

July the 21st 1680
At a meeting of the inhabitants it was agreed upon and voted that we should allow to out Minister Mr. William Brinsmead twenty pounds in money for the last half year for which the town is indebted viz. from December the 1st 1679 to May last 1680
also, then the town agreed to take am invoice and raise the 20£ by that which accordingly was done, and the rate made and voted by the town and delivered] to the pastor Mr. William Brinsmead who received and approved it

At the same meeting the town received an amount of Abraham Williams who was chosen Deputy for the General Court and had then served five weeks who for his expenses in diet and other unavoidable charges demanded thirty-seven shillings money which was readily granted, and the town gave order that Deacon William Ward should forthwith pay him twenty shillings of the town's money then in his hand and the rest to be paid at the latter end of the year when a rate should be made which accordingly was done

Recorded by me Abraham Williams Town Clerk

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Marlborough 1680 July the 1st

The Meeting House
To be enlarged
At a meeting of the inhabitants it was agreed upon and voted that the Meeting House should be enlarged: by building a cross end and joining it to the south side and pull down the thatch and cover both old and new with board and shingle and so enclose it that it may be warm and comfortable to meet in: and build a gallery on the front and make new seats where any-

where in need convenient round should be—so as that it might better entertain the inhabitants

John Brigham
To have a Receipt

At the same meeting it was ordered hat the clerk should give John Brigham a receipt for three pounds in money and three pounds in other pay They had received of him by their agent Deacon William Ward who then Owned the receipt thereof for the town's use, which six pounds the abovesd John Brigham owed the town for a parcel of land sold to him for his Brother Samuel Brigham—see Folio the 37 in the year 1679

A new choice
Of clerk and
Selectmen

August 16th 1680

The inhabitants of the town having met to choose a town clerk and Selectmen and take an invoice for the county for which invoice the Treasurer had sent a warrant—

The town by vote chose Abraham Williams Clerk for the year ensuing

And

Abraham Williams
Abraham How
Solomon Johnson
SELECT) John Rediat (MEN
Edward Rice
John Brigham
John Maynard
Samuel Rice Commissioner

And then take in the town's invoice of the town _____

The Meeting House
To be plastered
And seated

October the 11th 1680

At a meeting of the inhabitants the necessity of doing something to make the Meeting House more comfortable being great and the times appearing to be likely to be troublesome, the town thought best to suspend the building of the new piece above treated of, and voted and concluded by vote all present only to build a new gallery on the front with three seats, and to that end imposed the selectmen to get it done as soon and as cheap as they could for the town's pay, and also

to have the walls and peek ends lathed and plastered with clay—and Edward Rice laying down three shillings in money to buy nails was to be paid six in a town rate. Also a committee was then chosen by the town to place persons in the whole house according to their best discretion viz. the Reverend Brinsmead, Deacon Ward and Deacon Johnson

Recorded by me Abraham Williams T.C.

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Marlborough 1680

1st
Minister's Rate
December 13th 1680
At a meeting of the inhabitants and proprietors appointed for several things—it was agreed upon and voted that we should allow to our Minister twenty pounds in money for the past half year for which the town is indebted to him viz. from June the first to November the last, for this a rate was made and delivered to Mr. William Brinsmead

And was accepted

2ndly the town agreed by vote to allow to the Minister for the year ensuing and now began twenty pounds in money—and thirty-five pounds in corn on half in English corn and the other half in Indian corn at the county price and that such as would pay their corn part in money should pay after the rate of twenty pounds

This grant was not accepted

An order for
New scales and
Weights
3rdly the town by vote gave order to John Maynard Constable to procure a beam and a pair of wooden scales for the town's use and one pound weight of lead that is wanting for standards, those to be paid for by the town.

4thly the town agreed by vote that all the rates for the town should be raised by the invoice taken in August for the county rates

A list of the
Town's debts

5thly the debts of the town were brought in and these following allowed to be paid by a town rate

Viz.	£	s	p
to Solomon Johnson for sweeping the Meeting House	01	04	0
to Mr.'s John and Daniel Newton for 12 wolves	06	00	0
to John Barns for 6 wolves	03	00	0
to Abraham How for one wolf and other things	00	11	0
to Joseph Newton for two wolves	01	00	0
to Richard Newton for thatching the Meeting House	00	06	6
to John Maynard for work at the Meeting House	00	07	6
to Nathaniel Johnson for work at the Meeting House	00	02	0
to John Bellows [?] for work at the Meeting House and clapboard and for his sons work and for a new elm and yard	00	04	6
to John Rediat for 2 days work of his boys at the Meet'g House	00	03	0
to John Brigham for fetching up Mr. Green to the committee	00	05	0
to Jonathan Johnson for earth and clay and a staple for the Meeting House	00	07	4
to the building of a gallery when done	02	15	0
to Obadiah Ward one day running the bounds of the town	00	02	0
to Tho Brigham Natl Johnson and Richard Barns for running the bounds three days apiece when their work is finished	00	18	0
to Abraham Williams for two years serving the town as clerk	02	00	0
to Deacon ward for nails for the Meeting House	00	05	0
to them that went last out to kill rattle snakes by town order	00	13	0
to Edward Rice for money laid down to buy nails	00	06	0
the sum	20	09	10

Further the town agreed by vote that a rate of five pounds ten shillings in money should be made to pay the Deputy forty silver shillings for his expenses at the General courts, & Lieutenant Ruddocke five shillings: and the rest to be laid out to buy ammunition to return the town's stock

Recorded by me Abraham Williams T. C.

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Marlborough 1680

Abraham How's
Confirmation
Of allowance
For loss in
Assabet Meadow

Finally at the meeting on the other leaf [page?] specified December 13th the selectmen made a report to the town of what they had done in prosecution of the committee's order referring to the satisfaction of Abraham How for the Meadow he lost by the result of sd honored committee referring to Mr. Brinsmead and Edward Rice, the town having fully examined it by a vote extended sd return of the selectmen and confirm to Abraham How what they allowed him viz. one initial piece on the southerly side of Assabet River bounded on the east by the meadow of Edward Rice and every way else with common land, except one little strip of meadow that comes from another piece of meadow that lays westerly from it a little above it—this piece allowed him contains one are and a quarter or there-abouts] more on the northerly side of the river homeward and adjoining at the west end upon the meadow now in possession of Mr. William Brinsmead and so along up Millham Brook to an Ash [?] there marked by us, with all the … that comes into it from the north about an acre and a half more and an other piece of about half an acre on the north Brook, and four of upland at the northeast end of his*house lot, low swampy land with some thanks in it, to be to him and his heirs forever: he the above sd Abraham How engaging to the town to rest satisfied forever in this matter, and for himself his heirs and persons to gift the town from all or any further claim or demand on that account, Abraham How assents unto December the 13th 1680

*Abraham How

Recorded by me Abraham Williams town clerk

April the 9th Abraham Williams being chosen sealer of weights and Measures for the town
Received of the constable and selectmen one half bushel, one peck, one ell, one yard, one pair of seals, one four-pound weight, one two-pound, one one-pound weight—one quart, one wine pint, and one brand with letter M afterward he received a half peck and a half pound weight to be by himself kept for standards for the town until another was chosen

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June the 20th 1681

Trespassers
In Cedar Swamp
To be prosecuted

It was agreed upon and voted to by the town that those
that were not proprietors in the town who had stolen cedar
in the town's swamps and caried it away and thereby had trespassed
upon the town, and never made any satisfaction shall be
prosecuted according to law for their trespass—and John
Brigham is fully empowered by the town in their behalf to
prosecute them to all intents for satisfaction except they agree.

Finally it was ordered that the new gallery should be parted
and room made for their women in the front and so in the
hinder parts proportionably
and that such as had no seats before, coming now to have
seats by this enlargement and the committee's appointment, shall
pay for their seats that are allowed them according to the dignity
of them

Recorded by Abraham Williams
Town Clerk

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Marlborough 1680

Mr. Green's Receipt

Mr. John Green his receipts of moneys
Received the 8th of April 1675 of sextant William Kerley seventeen
Shillings which is part of fifty shillings granted me by order of the
Honored committee of Marlborough dated the 20th of May 1674 to be paid
me upon the public account of the town witness my hand

John Green [signature]

The honored committee having on the 10th of October 1679
received the Town Book of Marlborough which is transcribed by order out of
then, also ordered that the town should pay me four pounds ten shillings
money including the fifty shillings formerly granted me by the honored
Committee and abating the seventeen shillings thereof which is formerly
received of William Kerley as by the receipt under my hand written above

doth appear, the rest being three pounds thirteen shillings I do hereby
acknowledge to have received by the hand of Abraham Williams
of sd town the sd sum of three pounds thirteen shillings in full
of the sd order of the Committee witness my hand this 22:March 1679/80
John Green [signature]

June the 20th 1681

The Minister's
Rate

At a meeting of the inhabitants of the town it was then agreed
upon and voted to, that there should be paid to Mr. William Brinsmead
our minister forty pounds for one year all in money, which year
began with December the first 1680 and endeth with November 1681
and that a rate for the payment of this money should be made by
the invoice to be taken this next ensuing August for the county
and that all lands rateable to the minister and town should be
added to it and have their proportions with those in the country
invoice and all heads of troopers and their horses and all ancient
men and lame men and such as are not in the country invoice and
also all lots not inhabited upon according to committee's order
that so every one may bear his share to the minister's rate
for this a vote was made and delivered to Mr. Brinsmead
By Abraham How and was accepted.

A new committee
Is chosen to seat
The Meeting House

At the same meeting upon Mr. Brinsmead's request and for
the reasons he then gave, the town freed him from being one of
the committee for seating the Meeting House, and then again
made another choice in which Deacon Ward and Deacon Johnson
were anew chosen ,, and Abraham How, John Rediat and
John Brigham added to them, to be a committee to seat the
Meeting House according to their best discretion.

Increase Ward
Allowed to take
Up meadow for
Lots at Corum

Further it appearing at the same meeting that a part of
the meadow laid out for Increase Ward at Corum was taken

of by the line of the bounds of the town—he the sd Increase
was granted liberty to take up so much as was taken from him in
any of the common undivided meadows of the town and to that end
his meadow is to be measured at Corum. Recorded by A.W. T.C.

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Marlborough
August the 15th 1681

The inhabitants of the town being me together to choose a
new town clerk and selectmen—and a commissioner to join
with the selectmen to take an invoice for the country:
Abraham Williams was chosen clerk for the town for the
year ensuing and

	(Abraham Williams)	
	(Abraham How)	
	(Solomon Johnson)	
Select	(John Rediat)	Men
	(Edward Rice)	
	(John Maynard)	
	(John Brigham)	

Nathaniel Joselin, Sr. Commissioner

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Marlborough 1681

The issue
Of the high-
Way through
Thomas Barns'
Lot

At a town meeting of the inhabitants as an issue of the matter
referring to the land of Thomas Barnes and the highway through it
that was said to be, the town by vote accepted of the process
made by Jonathan Johnson in whose possession sd lot now is viz.
that sd Johnson do allow two rods wide for a bridle way
through that of Barns his [lot] above siding and that of his own
adjacent and so through both, and Jonathan Johnson to make and maintain
gates and bars forever for a bridle way

Recorded by Abraham Williams
Town Clerk

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April the 10th 1682 Thomas Brigham John Woods, John Barns
and Thomas Beaman were chosen tithing men and sworn according
as the law directs

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At a meeting of the selectmen may the 23rd 1682 they took
order that a town meeting should be warned that the proprietors
and inhabitants might come together on the 29th day of the sd May at
eight of the clock in the morning at the Meeting House to
attend these following concerns
to make a return of all lands laid out
to take some order for preventing the unreasonable spoil of timber
to state the place and breadth of highways not yet so fully
stated that they may be recorded
to raise money for to repay the deputy for money laid out
for his board and other unavoidable expenses at general
Courts
to revive the former order for perfecting 3rd divisions of lands
to treat the matter referring to the purchasing the plantation clear
of Indian claims
this meeting was warned and attended

At this meeting Ensign William Kerley, John Maynard Sr,
and John Brigham brought in their return of their third division
land, how laid out and bounded and their return was accepted
and then John Brigham relinquished his whole right in that place
and resigned it up to his mother Marie Hunt according to
the town's order when they granted sd John Brigham his third
division upon the plain where he now dwelleth

William Ward Sr. in a return of his 3rd division land
when laid out and house bounded 80m acres and a half an acre
was accepted, the other 19 and half wing on Chauncey plains was also
accepted with this conviction that it did not hinder an high-
way to the Cedar Swamp, and if a highway must be through
his land then he might have equitable allowance in land adjacent to it

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Jonathan Johnson made return of several parcels of meadow laid
out on account of his purchase and his return also was accepted;
John Bowker made return of the land he laid out in lieu of Thomas Barret's
which he obtained leave to change and it was accepted.

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Marlborough 1682

At a meeting of the inhabitants and proprietors 1682—May 29th
John Hay made return of the land laid out to him upon the town grant for
exchange and it was enacted.
Thomas Brigham also made return of land laid out to him om account
of Samuel Ward's addition, and John Wood's addition and it was approved.
A return also on the same day was made of forty acres of land laid
out to the widow of Thomas Barns upon the account of his purchase
and it was accepted.
Joseph Newton also made return of a piece of swampy land laid
out to him on the account of [a] meadow granted to his father Newton
for allowance and that was accepted.
Abraham Williams also made return of land laid out to him upon the
account of his third division as also of the place and bounds and
was accepted.

At this meeting Isaac How obtained liberty of the town to take
in some land on the north side of his house so that the highway be
left fully three rods wide and this was in lieu of so much by
him to be laid down on the westerly end of his lot that so
the highway may go as it now doth there and the selectmen are
for that he hath so much as he layeth down.
At this meeting also Abraham Williams was granted his demand of
seven pounds sixteen shillings for his expenses of so much laid out
by him for his board and other ways at General Courts.
Finally at this meeting Lieutenant Ruddocke, Ensign Kerley with
Abraham How and John Brigham were appointed a committee to

view highways and places where highways are to be started
and such lands as are considered and being [written] in a return for the
town on the third second day of June when the town have
appointed another public meeting to attend business now left
depending at eight of the clock in the morning

June the 19th 1682
At a meeting of the inhabitants and proprietors there was this
vote propounded to the town viz. that all the vacant lands
laying between Abraham How's bounds on the southerly part and
Captain Wheeler's bounds on the northerly part should lay for
a perpetual highway or common for the use of the town
and when the vote was made, some said it was a vote and others
said it was not, and so it was not fully determined because general
of the inhabitants and proprietors had absented themselves.

At this meeting Solomon Johnson and Nathaniel Johnston
made return of their third division of land where laid out
and how bounded and their return was accepted.
Samuel Rice also made a return of twelve acres of upland laid out to
him on James Sawyer's account for sd family his third division and this
also was accepted.

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Marlborough 1682

At a meeting of the inhabitants and proprietors June 19th 1682
Increase Ward had liberty granted him to lay down two acres
and a half an acre of upland at the corner of his lot the country
road run through and take up so much adjoining to his line
near Millham Brook

At this meeting Isaac Amsden had forty rods of land granted
to him near his house plot to set up a work house on flats [?]
to dress leather in, provided he take it so as that it does not
hinder the highway.
In answer to the grant Isaac Amsden had forty rods of swampland

laid out to him June the 2nd 1685 in the place granted him joining to his own land there it being an elbow corner that doth not hinder the way there, and the return of it was made by the town's surveyors and accepted.

August the 21st 1682
The inhabitants and proprietors being warned by the Constable to meet for those several things following they then chose a town clerk, selectmen, and a commissioner to join with the selectmen to take an invoice for the country and a new constable also—

Abraham Williams was chosen Clerk

Select Men
Abraham Williams
Abraham How)
Samuel Rice)
Edward Rice)
John Rediat)
Joseph Rice)
John Brigham
Lieutenant Rudduck, Commissioner
Jonathan Johnson, Constable

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Marlborough 1682

At a meeting of the inhabitants December the 4th 1682 the town agreed upon it and then jointly voted to allow to our Minister Mr. William Brinsmead forty pounds in money for his year's ministry now last past which began with December 1681 and ended with November 1682 and that it should be raised by the invoice last taken for the country and then should be added thereto the heads of all the troopers and their horses and all the ancient and lame men also should have their heads added such as are not in the country

invoice, and also that all such lots as are not builded upon
and dwelled in accordingly should also be rated as the honored
committee ordered and added to make up this fund.

Also in order to a gaining in all the accords yet standing out
upon the account of the pastures rates, the town hath chosen
John Brigham, Joseph Rice and Jonathan Johnson and do
give them full power to act in their behalf for the bringing
in those dues and do engage to bear all their necessary
charges and expenses that they shall be put upon in this
concern.

According to the order above cited or recorded, a rate was made and
delivered forthwith to Mr. William Brinsmead our minister by
Abraham Williams and was accepted.

April the 20th 1683 William Kerley, John Maynard Sr, Joseph
Newton and John Bowker being chosen tithing men for the year
ensuing were sworn in as the law directs.

June the 19th 1683

At a meeting of the inhabitants and proprietors, the town
Being fully informed of great spoil of cedar in the town's common
And undivided swamps, did forthwith choose Ensign William Kerley,
John Barns and Nathaniel Johnson together with John Maynard Sr,
John Barret Sr., and Samuel Goodenow to take full inspec-
tion of the common undivided cedar swamp (felled or fallen
and cut out), and if they upon search should find any timber
felled or fallen and cut out, they or any of them are hereby
empowered to fetch it away and make a return of what they
do to the town; and if they find any trespassers there or
else where they have trespassed in any of the town's undivided swamp
or swamps, and can by any due means they may use make a full
discovery of it, they shall make return thereof to the town
both of the persons and of the fact.

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Marlborough 1683

At the meeting in June the 19th 1683, the plots of Cold Harbor
and Chauncy Meadows were brought in by Ensign Wm. Kerley
and received by the town and delivered to the clerk to be
kept for the town's use, and Obadiah Ward was then
promised two shillings in town's pay for fetching them from
Sudbury.
After, the selectmen having chosen Obadiah Ward and
John Brigham and Richard Barns to rectify a mistake
in the last running of the bounds at that part of the line where
our land joins upon Indians' lands, the town at this meeting
approved of the act of the selectmen and promised the persons
chosen should be paid for the time they expended when the work
is done.

At this same meeting Abraham How, Edward Rice
Samuel Rice, Joseph Rice and Jonathan Johnson were chosen
by the town to clean up the account between the town and
Deacon William Ward Sr. referring to money received by
sd William Ward of Christopher Banister and Thomas Barns
for the use of the town several years since and so to determine
fully between them.

In prosecution of this order the persons chosen and named
forthwith went to Deacon Eward and treated with him in
reference to the premises, and being fully satisfied after a
full debate of these matters, they in the behalf of the town
did fully acquit the above sd Deacon William Ward Sr.
from all or any further claimants referring to the moneys
received by him the above sd William Ward Sr. for land or lands sold by
the town to Jonathan Johnson, Christopher Banister and
Thomas Barns and do order that a record be made of this
and that, also he the above sd Deacon William Ward Sr. received
the full sum agreed upon between the town and the above sd
Christopher Banister and Thomas Barns for those lands they

purchased of the town—

Recorded by Abraham Williams town clerk

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Marlborough 1683
At a meeting of the inhabitants August 20th 1683 the town chose officers for the year ensuing
viz. Abraham Williams was chosen Clerk for the town, and

	Abraham Williams	
	Abraham How	
	(John Ruddocke)	
were chosen	(John Rediat)	Selectmen
	(Samuel Rice)	
	Joseph Rice	
	John Woods	

Edward Rice was chosen commissioner for the town to see to the taking of the country invoice and carrying it to the shire town.
Josiah How was then chosen constable.

August the 20th 1683
Further as an addition to the former orders made referring to those common undivided cedar swamps—that no person under what pretense soever shall fell or fetch away any cedar that is felled of that shall be felled in any of the above sd swamps, but those whom by name the town hath chosen and authorized for that service upon penalty of paying a fine of nineteen shillings a tree, and twenty shillings a load of bolts and ten shillings a hundredth for clapboards and twenty shillings a thousand for shingle—voted the town take further order.

It is further ordered by the town the day above dated that no person under what pretense soever shall fell or cause to be felled or fetch away any timber beyond Stony Brook from Crane Meadow cedar swamp downward as far as the bounds of town reacheth where the common lands and woods of the town are, upon penalty

of paying a fine of nineteen shillings per tree for every tree so fetched
or brought away, the order to remain in force until the town
take further order—
these orders above written were definitely read and fully voted
to by the town, as attested Abraham Williams town clerk

At the same meeting John Barns Sr. and John Woods were
chosen Surveyors for the highways.

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Marlborough 1683

At a meeting of the selectmen December the 10th 1683, the selectmen appointed
and warned a meeting of the inhabitants and proprietors of the town on the 18th
of this instant for these following things
1 to read his Majesty's declarations
2 to raise a year's salary for our reverend pastor
3 to take an account of the town's creditors that a rate may be made to pay
the town's debts
4 to raise money to repay the deputies for their expenses at the General
courts
5 to agree upon a rate to expand the highways

At this meeting appointed as above sd December the 18th 1683 His Majesty's
declaration was … read, and other things discussed and the
meeting adjourned until December the 25th 1683

At a meeting of the inhabitants and proprietors December the 25th 1683
the town agreed and then voted to allow to our Reverend Pastor Mr. William
Brinsmead forty pounds in money for the year last past, which began with
December 1682 and ended with November 1683—and that it should be raised
by the country invoice taken last unto which should be added the heads and horses
of all the troopers belonging to the town, and the heads of all such men as upon our
] or other men freed from country rates, and also all the lots that
are not dwelled upon and improved—that these lots also may pay one half so much
as they paid formerly

Lieutenant John Ruddocke dissented from putting in Christopher Banisters lands into this rate or any other.

At the same meeting these following debts were allowed by the town viz.

	£	s	p
to Abraham How and John Barns Sr. for seven wolves	3	10	0
to John Brigham for one wolf	0	10	0
to Thomas Brigham for three wolves	1	10	0
to Nathaniel Johnson, Isaac for one wolf	0	10	0
to Isaac Newton and Daniel Newton for three wolves	1	10	0
to John Barns Sr. for eight wolves	4	00	0
to Nathaniel, John, Richard Barns & Thomas Brigham for one day apiece running the bounds of the town	0	06	0
to Obadiah Ward and Richard Barns perfecting a defect in the line of the bounds next the Indian lands 2s apiece in all	0	04	0
to Solomon Johnson for sweeping the Meeting House the year now past	1	10	0
to Jonathan Johnson for warranting a town Meeting by order of the selectmen	0	02	0
more for a staple for the pound	0	00	6
to Abraham Williams for the year's past last August keeping the records of the town and doing these writings	3	00	0
	16	12	6

At the same meeting Abraham Williams brought in an account
to the town of two pounds six shillings expended by him while he was
attending the General Courts in the year 1682—all of it in money—
Also then Joseph Rice brought in [an] account of one pound six shillings
expended by him at the General Court in the present year 1683—
in money—the town allowed of this account and ordered
that a rate should be made to pay this money by itself, viz. this
and that the sim above allowed and this also should be raised
in the same way the Minister's rate is raised in as is above voted.

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Marlborough 1683

At a meeting of the inhabitants and proprietors December 25th 1683
they order and appoint that a rate be made to repair the highways of the town
and that all additions be made to the invoice as in the Minister's rate and so it
raised] at a penny per pound and that men work out their proportions at eighteen
penny per day and to a man with a yoke of oxen and a cart or a tumbrel
the town allows three shillings six pence per day—and that any person
that shall neglect to attend, being except upon [an] urgent occasion
shall pay as a fine three shillings per day for a man and six shillings
per day for a man and a yoke of oxen and cart and tumbrel, and that this
rate being made, it be delivered to the surveyors who are hereby appointed
to call forth men as they see occasion [to do].
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At this meeting there was granted to Edward Rice a liberty of exchange
of eleven acres of upland or thereabouts from Addition Hill to take up much so
in lieu thereof adjoining to the land he purchased of John Brigham and so
any after claims at Addition Hill and this land to be taken up with the
approbation of Lieutenant John Ruddocke and Abraham How who are by
the appointment of the town to inspect in that matter.

At this meeting there was granted to James Taylor ten acres of upland on
this side [of] Stony Brook next the town down beyond the mill over against the
land his father Richard Newton gave him out of his third division of land laid
out to him on the other side of the Brook, so for the record of this in the grant
[in] Book Folio 346

Also at this meeting there was granted to Joseph Newton fifty rods
of low swampy land between his own land and the land of John Newton at
the turning of the Brook thereabouts.

At this meeting there was given and granted to Abraham Williams thirty
rods or thereabouts of upland at the easterly end of his house lot
adjoining to his pastureland—it layeth in a long triangle slice from the
eastern most corner of Richard Barns his fence to the elbow in his own pasture
fence

At this meeting Samuel Goodenow had a grant of liberty to exchange two
Acres of upland from Addition Hill and to take up so much in
lieu thereof at Stirrup Meadow on the hither side of the meadow next
the town so as it may be most convenient for to fence his meadow there

with and so to quit claim of these two acres at Addition Hill

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Marlborough 1683

April the 30th 1683 the selectmen of this town being met to look upon
the highway that goeth along from Ensign Kerley's and so along at all
those lots [and] ends out into woods and meadows and to the mill, and finding
it convenient as it now is at the lower part of John Newton's land on
this side [of] his house, John Newton shall remove his fence there so far
into his own ground as the stakes stand that were then set up by the
selectmen abovesaid and the sd John Newton for the which land through
but little the selectmen in behalf of the town have allowed him the
said John Newton one acre of upland to be taken up by said Newton
with his addition land, not yet laid out and so this agreement to be
full and valid forever the town confirmed it by vote

Also at the same time the highway through John Newton's lot from
this highway to Patch Plain was started three rods wide and so to be
and remain forever, he the above sd John Newton having laid
allowance for this highway already laid out to him as he then owned

This above written was read in the town meeting December the 25th 1683
And was allowed by the town and confirmed by the town's vote and
Order given that it should be recorded in [the] town book as it now is
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Also at the same meeting the selectmen informed the town of their act
in exchanging two acres and a half and 8 rods of land because it there hindered
a highway which was not at the taking up of that lot at first so well
gone into, and the selectmen have allowed him two acres and a half and 8 rods
on the northerly side of his land then being left a sufficient highway
between the northerly part of his house plot and the land—
see for his grant Folio 53—
This also was well accepted by the town's vote and then their order
given for the recording of it in [the] town book as it now is
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Marlborough
August the 25th 1684 the inhabitants being called together by the constable, they then chose selectmen and a clerk and administrator to form with the selectmen to take an invoice for the country according to the trespass warrant, and also [for] a new constable

Abraham Williams was chosen clerk for the year ensuing
and

	Abraham Williams			
	Henry Kerley	)		
Select	Abraham How	) Men		Samuel Rice Commissioner
	Lieut, John Rudduck	)		
	Joseph Rice	)		John Barret Sr. Constable
	John Barns			
	John Woods			

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Marlborough 1684

At a meeting of the inhabitants and proprietors December the 8th 1864 the town agreed to vote to raise a sum of forty pounds in money to pay our Minister with for one year which began with December the first 1863 and ended with November 1 1684 and that it be raised in all respects as it was the last year see folio the 58—except the leaving out the heads of Solomon Johnson and John Rediat and Christopher Banister's lot, and that a rate be forthwith Made for the raising this fund and passing of it to Mr. William Brinsmead our Minister
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At this meeting the town agreed to sell some land on the next town meeting day to pay the arears behind yet unpaid that were in several rates laid upon the lands of Christoher Banister and Thomas Barns deceased that so the account with our minister may be cleared
At this meeting the town allowed forty shillings in highway work for the building a horse bridge over the Brook at John

Mainor's meadow on the way to the mill

At this meeting Joseph Rice had a grant of change of his
addition on second division land from Addition Hill to sd swamp
on the right hand of the way from the town to Stirrup
meadow to take it in the upland and swampy land there
and so to quit the claim of it at Addition Hill forever

At this meeting John Woods had a grant of liberty to lay
down his house lot granted him by the town containing sixteen
acres and four rods that was part of his father Wood's his
addition land twenty acres in all, and take up twenty acres
in lieu of it on the way to Stony Brook about a place called
Clean Hill on the southwest side of the hill in the plain ground there
and so to quit claim of any interest in the other twenty acres though
he had improved and worked on it before

At this meeting the town appointed to meet again on the
22nd day of this present December which also was acted [upon].

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Marlborough 1684

At a meeting of the inhabitants and proprietors December 22nd 1684
a rate being made for our minister's salary according to order Dec the 8th
it was now published and the town agreed and then voted it fully, viz.
that everyone of the inhabitants and proprietors in this town or belonging
to the town should clear all accounts with our Minister Mr. William
Brinsmead between this present date and the last second day of March
next ensuing, and having cleared all accounts upon the rates wherein
they stand indebted to the pastor, that then every one so clearing should
take a general acquittance of the pastor and on that town meeting day
the last second day of March above sd bring it with them to the town's
meeting—that so the town may know who have paid and who have not
and then by this vote of the town, such as have not paid and forthwith
to be prosecuted according to law, that so we may clear accounts with
the pastor and have it recorded on our town book

this above written was read and owned to be the mind of the town
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At this meeting there was given and granted to Abraham How his heirs and assigns forever, three or four acres of upland adjoining to bis own land on the northerly side of his land as the place will allow he paying or causing to be paid twenty shillings per acre for so much as he hath laid out to him—and this twenty shillings per acre is to be paid in money to Abraham Williams for the use of the town
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At this meeting there was given and granted to John Barns Jr. his heirs and assigns forever, two acres of land, lowland, lying between the falls and Addition Hill, he paying or causing to be paid forty shillings in money to Abraham Williams for the use of the town as far as the land can conveniently be laid out to him betwixt the present date and the March next ensuing.

Nathaniel
Rice grant
Of highway
+ recompense
At this meeting Thomas Rice moving to the town that there might be a highway made through his brother Nathaniel's land which sometimes was John Brown's or before him Joseph Holme's, the town complied with Thomas Rice on condition with least change of three or four rods wide and he to have for allowance out of the present highway and adjacent lands two rods for every one that the highway shall contain, this to be a voted act, Nathaniel Rice appearing and consenting thereunto,

Nathaniel Rice subscribed with his own hand May 23rd 1688

At the meeting Samuel Stow had a grant of … land in lieu of six acres of meadow due to his house lot which land is beyond Assabet River and Obadiah Ward's and John Barns Sr. and to go with him at his own cost to see the land and make return to the town upon which return the town will act further

see for answer on the other side

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Marlborough
At a meeting of the inhabitants March the 1st 1685
Obadiah Ward and John Barns Sr. made return how they found
the land at Assabet River, Samuel Stow desired instead of his six acres
of meadow due to him and the town by vote allowed him to take in
his six acres in that place or places. Obadiah Ward and John
Barns made report viz. about [the] Assabet River.

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Marlborough 1684

At a meeting of the inhabitants and proprietors December 22nd 1684
it was ordered that any such person dwelling in this town as an
inhabitant that shall entertain any person or persons as an inmate
or dwell in their house or family, without ever first had [notice] from
the selectmen—shall pay as a fine forty shillings a month for
every month he or they shall entertain or keep any such person
or persons after they have had warning from the selectmen to
the contrary and those fines shall be for the use of the town
this was voted to by the town and ordered to be recorded

At a meeting of the inhabitants and proprietors of the town
Feb the 20th 1684 the creditors of the town brought in an account
as followeth which the town allowed

	£	s	p
to John Newton and John Fay for one wolf	00	10	0
to Abraham How for one wolf	00	10	0
to Thomas Brigham for two wolves	01	00	0
to John Newton for one wolf	00	10	0
to Jonathan Johnson and John Brigham for one day in clearing account between the Minister and Thomas Barns and Chrisopher Banister	00	03	0
to John Barret for one day work at the Meeting House in yr 1680	00	01	6
to Solomon Johnson for sweeping the Meeting House from May 1684 to May 1685	00	10	0
to John Bowker for drumheads, cords and snares	00	12	0
to Joseph Rice for attending the General Court 29 days	01	09	0

to Lieut. Ruddocke for to assure a bill he brought in for
time at the General Court years since and for helping to make

the town rates	01	19	0
to John Barns for two days to look after the cedar swamp	00	94	0
to Samuel Goodenow for two days with John Barns	00	04	0
to Abraham Williams for keeping the town records			
and doing the town's work [for] one year	01	10	0
to William Kerley for helping to make the town rates	00	03	0
	09	09	6

At this meeting the town chose the selectmen to hear the
complaint John Brigham brought in referring to his having paid
more than his just due in general rates to the minister when the
rates were raised upon lots that is more than his part to pay
for a 35 acre lot

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Marlborough 1684/5

At a meeting of the inhabitants and proprietors of the town March the
2nd 1685 the town considered the convenience of clearing the highways
for to promote foods for shops as well as other things and then jointly
passed a vote that they would clear the highways
then 2dly they voted they would work at it two days this present year
the 1st day should be on the 9th of this instant month and if that proved
unreasonable on the 16th day of this month and that all the inhabitants
listed, soldiers, troopers and others should attend this work, and when
they had wrought on days then they should appoint another, the place of meeting
appointed was the Meeting House.

At this same meeting it was agreed upon in order to running the
Bounds of the town and revising of the markers—that Obadiah
Ward, Nathaniel Johnson, John Brigham and Richard Barns
and Thomas Brigham with him should go out on the 1st day of April
next ensuing and with them six men apiece whom they then named
and so take their parts as they then agreed to do; and if any man
chosen were hindered by first providence then they should take some other
and as many others as would might go on this account to the end

that our young men may know the bounds of the town and if
that Wednesday prove unseasonable then they are to go on the Friday
of the same week

this was jointly voted in the town

At this meeting also the town ordered a rate should be made to pay
the town debts according to the rule given for making the pastor's rate

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At a meeting of the inhabitants of this town March 30: 1685
Return was made to the town that the land was laid out to
Abraham How that was granted him December the 22nd 1684
the place and bounds of it being four acres as also that he had
paid according to bargain four pounds to Abraham Williams for
the use of the town—this Return was accepted

At this meeting there was granted to John Maynard Sr.
his heirs and assigns for ever apiece of low swampy land
adjacent to his own land, he paying or causing to be paid to
Abraham Williams the town clerk for the use of the town after
the rate of twenty shillings per acre for so much as he hath; the
above sd Maynard to make and maintain the end fence of this land
between him and Jonathan Johnson Sr. forever—this money to be
paid at or before midsummer next ensuing the present date.
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Marlborough 1685

At a meeting of the inhabitants of this town August the 24: 1685
the town chose a clerk and selectmen for the year ensuing
as also a commissioner form with the selectmen in taking an invoice
for the country, and also a constable

Abraham Williams was chosen Clerk, and

Select (Abraham Williams
Lieut. John Rudduck
Abraham How
Henry Kerley
Joseph Rice) Men

John Barns Sr.
Constable
but he then refused
to serve

John Maynard Sr.
Commissioner

At this meeting return was made to the town of two acres
and 60 rods of land that was laid out to John Barns Sr. accord-
ing to a grant of the town formerly made viz. December the
22: 1684 the place and bounds of it also, and that he had
paid according to bargain forty shillings in money to Abraham
Williams for the use of the town—the Town accepted this return and
gave John Barns [the] same: the 60 rods over plus

At this meeting the town ordered and appointed Abraham Williams
to pay of the money he had retrieved of Abraham How and John Barns
four pounds sixteen shillings and eight pence to Mr. William Brinsmead
our Minister for Christopher Banister and Thomas Barns which
also was forthwith done and a credit of 4£ 16s 8p taken by sd
Williams in behalf of the town.

At this meeting the town granted liberty to William Eager
To take out of the undivided cedar swamps so much stuff as would
Cover him a barn—and Samuel Goodenow was appointed by the town
to go with him, the sd Eager, to pay sd Goodenow for his time
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At this meeting the town appointed to make the 15th of Sept next
ensuing to consider of a way to get a new Meeting House.
This meeting was frustrated by an alarm.
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At a meeting of the inhabitants and proprietors of the town
December the 15th 1685 the town approved upon it and then voted
that they would raise a sum of forty pounds in money to pay out
Minister Mister William Brinsmead for the year past which
began with December the 1st 1684 and ended with November
1685 and that it be raised according to the invoice last taken for
the country rate upon one consideration or another and that all the
lots that are not builded upon and dwelled in be added to make
up the sum only John Rediat and Solomon Johnson are freed for their
roads.
Also at the same time the town agreed to raise five pounds money
for an addition to this forty above sd in common country pay

and that it be gathered in with a town rate and paid in by
the constable in the town, where the pastor shall [be] appoint[ed]—
this also was fully voted
In the same meeting it was ordered that, that the whole
transaction of the town by their committee and the sum
they paid in the town's behalf and the rate, and by whom paid,
be recorded in the great Book—
Voted also at this meeting that the town will build a Meeting House
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Marlborough

At a meeting of the inhabitants December the 28th 1685
in answer to a petition of Thomas Wilson of Watertown for
a piece of land in our bounds adjacent to his farm, the town
chose Henry Kerley and Obadiah Ward to go with him at
a convenient time, at his own charge, and view the land
sd Thomas Wilson petitioned for, and make return how they
find it to the town.

At this meeting the town had much discourse about a meeting
House and at last concluded of enlarging the old one that we now
have, but no man or men appearing to undertake it, the business
was desisted for that time.
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Marlborough 1685

At a meeting of the inhabitants and proprietors March the 1st 1685
the town chose a clerk and selectmen for the year ensuing—

Abraham Williams was chosen town clerk

Select (Abraham Williams
Lieut. John Ruddocke
Jonathan Johnson Sr.
Abraham How
John Maynard Sr.) Men

John Woods
Thomas Brigham

At this meeting the creditors of the town brought in their accounts and the sums following were allowed—viz.

	£	s	p	f
to Mr. William Brinsmead	05	00	00	0
to Abraham Williams for keeping the records and doing the town's writing as their clerk	02	00	00	0
to John Barns Sr. for two wolves	01	00	00	0
to Thomas Brigham for one wolf	00	10	00	0
to Increase Ward for one wolf	00	10	00	0
to Isaac Bellows for one wolf	00	10	00	0
to Solomon Johnson for sweeping the Meeting House from May 1685 to May 1686	00	12	00	0
to John Brigham for part of a day to help rectify a defect in the line expending his time at least	00	01	00	0

ordered by vote that a rate be made to pay these debts allowed according to that order December the 15th 1685 by which the pastor's rate was raised
for which a rate was forthwith made and delivered to Samuel Stow then constable
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Marlborough 1686

At a meeting of the inhabitants and proprietors March the 29th 1686 there was granted to Obadiah Ward a liberty of exchange of his third division lot of upland from the five hundred acres to Horanum and so to take his sum of third division land there and forever quit the town of any claim at the five hundred acres—this was fully voted by the proprietors.

At the same meeting it was agreed upon and voted that every one of the inhabitants come or send one of a family fit to do a day's work in cleaning the highways and commons as the town hath begun to

do for the last year and that they meet at the Meeting House to attend
this work on the 3rd second day in next April ensuing the present
date.

At his same meeting Henry Kerley and Obadiah Ward made
Return to the town of the land and the place the land lay in
That Thomas Wilson Watertown petitioned for, upon which
return the town saw reason to desist any further acting
on that matter

After the Change of Government

At a meeting of the inhabitants and proprietors July the 26th 1686
warned by the constable by warrant from the selectmen,
the town agreed and then voted to pay Mr. William Brinsmead
our Minister the sum of twenty pounds of money to be paid in
between the present date and the first of September next en-
suring this was for one half year then past which began with
the first of December 1685 and ended with May 1685.

At the same meeting it was ordered that each person being
In an invoice to the clerk of all third personal and real estate
or to some of the selectmen within eight days after the personal
debt that they had omit[ed] or may [have] lost so to do shall be accused by
the invoice of the town taken the last year and by this
list of [the] new invoice and that of the old [one] that shall be needful
to use in this case—the selectmen shall make a rate for this sum
above granted.

According to this order a rate was made by the selectmen and
delivered to the pastor Mr. William Brinsmead by
Abraham Williams—

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Marlborough the thirteenth of the tenth month 1666

At a public meeting of the inhabitant there was granted to John Rediat
Sr. for his son John a parcel of upland in lieu of a house lot of

sixteen acres, and a quantity of meadow proportionable to sixteen acres with privilege thereto when the next division of upland is laid out.

John Rudduck records it

Nathan Brigham the present possessor of John Rediat's lands and being now in the possession of that house lot (at first granted to John How Jr.) as by deeds of alienation from one to another doth clearly appear (hath) by a section cut asunder the above sd John How's lot in the length of it and laid the part next that he cut of partly at the end of that he cut it from and partly at the end of John Rediat son his house lot—that part he hath cut of and tended is ten acres and it lyeth bounded northerly by the highway, easterly by the land above sd it was cut of from, and partly by John Rediat Sr. his land—and westerly and southerly by the common land. A plot of this done as above sd was brought to the town at a public meeting March the 17,1700/1 and was accepted

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The possessions of John Rediat Jr. granted the 13th of the 10th month 1666

his house lot of sixteen acres of upland laid out to him and the south side of Stony Brook the twelfth of June:1672, the length fourscore rods from east to west and thirty and two rods from north to south; it hath a highway of six rods wide running through the breadth of it near the path that now lies from the brook at New Pond to Deacon Wood's bridge, this lot is bounded and surrounded by the common upland :.
His first division of meadow is 8 acres as followeth: 6 acres thereof lies on the west side of three cornered meadow in three parcels, the first piece is bounded on the north by a swamp of spruce and every way else by the common upland, the second piece is bounded and every way surrounded] by the common upland, the third piece is bounded on the east by a spruce swamp and every way else] by the common upland, and two acres lot hath more lying on both sides of Assabet river] and is bounded on the northern end by the meadow of Richard Newton on the south and by] the meadow of Abraham Williams on te eastern and western sides by the common upland], his second division of meadow is 6 acres and 24 rods as followeth: one acre thereof lies by] two brooks on the west side of Assabet river bounded and everyway surrounded by the common upland , he hath one acre and a half more lies at padlock and is bounded northerly by the 2nd division of upland of Benjamin Rice now in possession of Thomas Brigham and is every [way] else bounded by the common upland, half an acre more lies to the north-ward, a total way of from Stony Brook and is bounded easterly by Maynard road this formerly lead toward Connecticut and is every way else bounded by the common land, more he hath two acres and a half lying on the northwest side of Chauncy Great Road bounded on the east by a spruce swamp and every way else with the common upland:.

[added later in a different hand]

And for a third division of upland he hath thirty two acres Laid out at Chauncy Pond adjoining the meadow there bounded by the aforesaid meadow and the pond, and every other way by the common land surveyed by John Brigham the 20th of May 1702: and returned to the meeting of the proprietors April 5th 1703 and then accepted.

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Marlborough 1686

November the 22nd 1686 at a meeting of the proprietors it was ordered and then voted that Abraham Williams and Obadiah Ward go to Mr. Samuel Andrews and treat with him for a more full satisfaction about the plot of this plantation and the record of it in the court rolls that so we may be more fully satisfied in that matter, and if there be anything yet to be presented it may be speedily done.

At this meeting the inhabitants and freeholders being warned together by the constable by a warrant from the selectmen of the town agreed and then voted to pay to Mr. William Brinsmead our Minister the sum of twenty pounds in money to be paid in between the present date and the middle of January next ensuing. This was for one half year which began with June 1686 and ended with November 1686 to which the Reverend Mr. William Brinsmead being then present showed his render of acceptance and himself satisfied—this act of the town was presented to Mr. Peter Bulkley on his native counsel according to the direction in the law Nov 23, 1686 by him allowed as his own hand testifieth

it was also ordered at the same meeting that the inhabitants bring in an invoice of all their personal and real estate within eight days—
an invoice being brought in a rate was made according to order allowed by the selectmen, signed by the above sd Mr. Peter Bulkley who granted out a warrant to the constable

to collect it and pay it according to order of the select-
men which he hath done and paid it to Abraham
Williams by order of the selectmen, and the sd Williams
hath paid Mr. William Brinsmead and taken a discharge
of him for twenty pounds for that half year.

At a meeting of the inhabitants of this town December the 27th 1686
Thomas Wilson of Watertown appearing desired that the proprietors
would appoint sum men to perfect the line of the town bounds
next adjoining to his farm on the southerly part of the town
in answer to which motion the town chose John Brigham,
Obadiah Ward and Nathaniel Johnson to go and see how the
line was and take with them a plot of the bounds, who also
went at their own cost without pay of the town

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Marlborough 1686

At a meeting of the inhabitants and freeholders of the town
January the 3rd 1686 John Brigham and Obadiah Ward with
Nathaniel Johnson made return to the town how they found
the matter about the line, and then the proprietors chose
John Brigham Obadiah Ward and Richard Barns to go
again on the morrow viz. the 4th of sd January and take
with them direction from the plot and the return of the
confirmation taken out of Court Records and run the line
as far as they could according to the plot, and for so being
they should have out of the town's stock in the clerk's hands
pay for their three days work viz. John Brigham five
shillings in money and Obadiah Ward and Richard Barns
two shillings apiece in money when they made their return.

At this meeting above sd Increase Ward had a grant to take up
His third division of upland being forty eight acres; in two
places viz. twenty acres of it by the spruce swamp on the
southerly side of Stony Brook and the other twenty eight acres
on Liquor meadow plain provided it hindered no former or

new highways.

At another meeting of the inhabitants January the 10th 1686 John Brigham, Obadiah Ward and Richard Barns brought their return of their work to the town, and then had their money promised by the proprietors to them—viz., John Brigham five shillings, Obadiah Ward two shillings, Richard Barns two shillings paid by Abraham Williams out of the proprietors stock in the presence of the town.

Also it was then ordered that Abraham Williams pay out of the town stock two shillings in money to John Brigham for a copy he obtained of Mr. Ranson of the bounds of the town.

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Marlborough 1686

At a meeting of the inhabitants and freeholders of the town Feb the 2nd 1686 such as were creditors to the town were by an order of the town to appear and give in their accounts which they also did on this 2nd of Feb, above sd and these following debts were allowed by the town, viz.

	£	s	p
to Deacon Johnson for sweeping the Meeting House from May 1686 to May 1687	00	12	0
to Capt. Kerley for four days journey to Cambridge and four shillings money expended on the town's business	00	12	0
to Thomas Brigham for five wolves	02	10	0
to Ambrose Mayfareof Concord	00	03	0
to Samuel Stow for warning a town meeting	00	02	0
to Abraham Williams for service of Clerk	01	10	0
	05	09	0

At this meeting above sd the town ordered that a rate be made to pay those debts by the invoice last taken for to raise the Minister's rate by

According to which order a rate was made and delivered to

Thomas How the constable with warrant from authority
to gather it and pay it according to order therein given him
on Feb. 17 1686/7 by the selectmen

Marlborough

At a meeting of the inhabitants and freeholders March the 1st 1686/7
the town chose a clerk and selectmen for the year ensuing
Abraham Williams was chosen clerk

	Abraham Williams	
	Capt. Kerley	
	John Woods Sr.	
(Select)	Obadiah Ward	(Men)
	John Bowker	
	John Rudduck	
	Samuel Stow	

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Marlborough 1687

At a meeting of the inhabitants and the proprietors October the
tenth 1687 at a final issue of the controversy between the town
and Thomas Wilson of Watertown, it was concluded and voted
by the town that Thomas Wilson shall enjoy and hold that part
of his farm that falls within the bounds of the town from the
end of the strip next inward to the ground to the Brook commonly
known by the name of Bever Dam Brook

John Brigham dissents from this vote
This was owned and signed by both parties as their act and full
conclusion of the promised
Order for the town

—Abraham Williams by the town
[signed]Thomas Wilson Sr.

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Marlborough 1687

At a meeting of the proprietors of this town December the 16th 1687 the town having met the day before and adjourned their meeting to this instant, granted to Samuel Stow that he should have liberty to take up his third division of upland, on the north side of Sudbury River on the westerly end of Nathaniel Rice's meadow so that it hinder no highway that is or may be needed there nor any man's property in the meadows thereabouts.

At the same meeting it was ordered that all the cedar swamps not yet laid out shall be forthwith divided to the proprietors and that all of the proprietors that have no lots yet shall be first served, and that they have their lots before a second division be made. John Barns Sr. and Samuel Brigham are chosen by the town to go forth with such as yet have had no lots and go that they have a proportion according as others have had before them. And they shall begin to lay out in the swamps next most to the orchard and having done with them shall take a full view of the remainder of the swamps and bring their report concerning them to the town in order to [help make] a second division.

December the 23rd 1687

The inhabitants of the town being met together, the Selectmen presented a rate that had drawn up of each man's proportion to a sum of forty pounds in money to pay our minister with, for one year past with the last of November 1687—the rate being openly read, it was allowed of and the town passed a vote that it should be copied out and delivered to the minister Mr. William Brinsmead, which accordingly was done, and was accepted thankfully

After this in the same meeting John Barns Sr. and Samuel Brigham brought in a return to the town of what they had done in pursuance of the order of the town … might to go forth and see each proportion have a lot of cedar

as wear as they could in proportion to their interest as others had before them, though it could not be so near the town-- the town accepted their return; the persons then ceded to that before now had no lots were as followeth

1Thomas Barne	4Abraham Williams	7Peter Bent
2William Kerley Sr.	5John Woods Jr.	8Jonathan Johnson
3Thomas Barret	6John Rediat Jr.	10Samuel Stow

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For a Second Division of Cedar Samp: Lots Drawn

Nathan Johnson	1	John Bellows	26
Henry Axtel	2	John Woods Sr.	27
Obadiah Ward	3	Thomas Barns mill lot	28
John How Sr.	4	John Rutter Sr	29
Christo Banister	5	Samuel Rice Sr.	30
John Johnson	6	John Woods Jr.	31
John Newton	7	Abraham How	32
Peter Bent mill lot	8	Thomas Barret	33
John Brown	9	Abraham Williams	
Edward Rice	10	for William Kerley Sr,	34
John Maynard	11	Thomas Barns	35
Deacon Ward	12	John Barns Sr.	36
John Rediat Sr.	13	William Kerley Jr.	37
Thomas Brigham	14	Mr. William Brinsmead	38
Samuel Ward	15	Samuel Stow	39
Richard Barns	17	Jonathan Johnson	40
John Gower	18	Jonathan Johnson	41
Joseph Rice	19	Richard Newton	42
Abraham Williams		Deacon Rudduck	43
on Henry Kerley	20	Thomas Rice Sr.	44

Solomon Johnson	21	Peter Bent house lot	45
John How Sr.	22	Abraham Williams	46
James Sawyer	23	Andrew Belcher	47
John Barret Sr.	24	Thomas King	48
		Samuel Goodenow	49

These by the names of those that drew lots December 23 1687 on a public town meeting day and were then

entered as they had drawn them in order for a Second
Division

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Marlborough 1687

At the meeting on the other leaf [page] specified viz. December the
twenty third 1687, Abraham Williams, John Woods Sr.,
John Barns Sr., Obadiah Ward & Samuel Brigham
were chosen a committee and by a vote of the town were then
appointed and empowered to lay out all the cedar swamps
yet undivided as equally in proportion and in quality to
every proprietor as they can
Secondly it was voted that this committee begin this second
Division where John Barns and Samuel Brigham left of
in that allotment that was last made by the town's order to
those that until then had no lots at all in first division, and
so to go on to lay out successively as near the equity of the
case as they can
thirdly it was then voted that Samuel Ward shall have
a lot of cedar in the division in lieu of that lot was granted
to him in the first division, there not being a lot for him there
where it is recorded to him, or not so much as he ought to have
and in order to this Second Division lots be drawn that
so it might be known who should be first and so on

At a meeting of the inhabitants March the 27th 1688
Abraham Williams was chosen clerk for the year ensuing

Josiah How by a vote of the town was chosen to go and
see for the agreement between the town and Mr. John Alcocke
referring to his paying rates for a forty acre lot

Further in the same meeting the town agreed to meet again
the 3rd of April next ensuing the date above sd at one of
the clock in the afternoon at the Meeting House, to do some-
thing further about laying out another division of land in the
cow commons and also out of the cow commons so as
may be most convenient to each man's present propriety

and this to be of the best of the land and wood and
timber
as also to come to some further agreement and conclusion
about the new Meeting House that it may be raised.

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At a general meeting of the inhabitants and the freeholders of
of this town May 21st 1688, the proprietors of the town
being then generally together and revising an order bearing
date June the 26th 1672, that imposed surveyors of land chosen
by the town to lay out the town's lands, when called thereunto
according to the town's order—and that no other shall be ac-
cepted that may be employed to lay out lands in the town, it saw
reason to grant a larger liberty and do order that henceforth
such as shall lay out lands in the town, being known to have
skill in that art and shall have respect to the town's orders and grants
for highways and other things whether done before this date or
after it, shall be counted good and valid if the town see cause
to accept them when returned or brought to the town—
this was fully voted by the proprietors the day of the date above sd.

At this meeting above sd viz. May the 21st 1688

Capt. Henry Kerley
Abraham Williams
Obadiah Ward
(SELECT John Woods Sr. MEN)
Nathaniel Joslin Sr.
John Barns Sr.
Isaac Amsden
John Maynard Sr.
were chosen

Ensign Joseph Rice Commissioner

William Ward Sr.

John Fay Constables

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At this meeting May the 21st 1688, Jonathan Johnson's return
of his thirty acres of third division was accepted here to relinquish
the meadow excepted against [it]
Also at the same meeting Deacon John Rudduck Ensign Joseph
Rice and Samuel Rice Jr, were anew granted to land beyond
the river at Middle Meadow, they allowing sufficient highway
for the town's use and there to take third division land

At this meeting Mr. William Brinsmead his return of his
3rd division of land was accepted, he allowing needful high-
ways and so to have allowance in adjacent lands.

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Marlborough 1688

May the 21st at a general town meeting after much discussion
this result was drawn up, viz.
Whereas there hath been a difference in this town by reason of some
actings that have been about a new Meeting House, there having
been after debated a mutual satisfaction given and taken
through such acknowledgments as have been made, it is con-
cluded that henceforth there be no reflecting nor retorting
expressions upon this account; and that henceforth be a unani-
mous joining to carry and end this new house to finishing,
and that those men that have obtained a deed of the land the house
is raised upon, be made full surrender of it to the town their heirs
and assigns forever with the house as it is upon it; and to
acquit the town from anything for the purchase of the land, and
the raising of the house, and so the whole work of the house except
the raising to be carried on by all as was first intended.

And further do agree that each proprietor shall henceforth have
a full town right to his land without [i.e., outside] the cow commons as he
hath to his house lot within the cow commons; that is to say, such

a part in proportion or as much to that without the cow commons
as he hath to that within the cow commons; the which he may
have free liberty to dispose of with his lands there by sale or left
as he shall see cause.

And further do agree: if the westerly part of the town shall see
cause, afterwards, to build another Meeting House, and find themselves
able so to do and maintain a Minister, that then their lots that shall
fall within that part of the town by a line at the cart
way at Stirrup Brook when consistent may now goeth over and
so to run a parallel line with the west line of the bounds of the
town, shall contribute to all the charges from the north to the
south upon this stated place of Stirrup Brook above specified
still excepting any part of the cow commons that shall fall within
that line, which shall not be liable to bear any of that charge.
This agreement was assented to by a full vote of the town
The day of the date above written.

At the same meeting it was agreed upon and fully voted that
Ensign Joseph Rice and Abraham Williams do receive from the men
that have obtained a deed of the land above specified viz. from
Capt. Henry Kerley, John Maynard Sr, and Sargent John Woods,
a deed for the confirmation of the land above specified [so] turn
deed to the town-- the town to be at the charge thereof and
the clerk to keep it with the town records—

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Marlborough 1689

At a meeting of the inhabitants of the town June the 17th 1689
after the revolution, Abraham Williams was chosen clerk for the
town for the year ensuing

Joseph Rice Sr. and John Newton Sr. were chosen constables

1Abraham Williams

2Henry Kerley
(Select 3Obadiah Ward Men)
4John Brigham
5Thomas Rice
6Samuel Brigham
7Richard Barns
were chosen

1689

At a meeting of the inhabitants of this town December 16
it was discoursed and then concluded by vote that a sum
of forty pounds in money be raised to pay our minister the
Reverend Mr. William Brinsmead for one year's labors then past
which began with December the first 1688 and ended with
November 1689 and that this sum be raised by the invoice
last taken for the country and that all additions of troopers
heads and horses and so of all other men's heads that are rateable
that are not in that invoice be made to it

At this meeting the town appointed another meeting [for] the 22nd
of the above sd December at which meeting December the
22: 1689—the town by vote granted that a sum of seven
pounds in money be raised to pay the Representatives' dis-
bursements while attending the conventions at Boston
this same to be raised by the invoice last taken for the country--
and then appointed another meeting on the 6th of January next
ensuing at eight of the clock in [the] morning to come to a
valuation of the old Meeting House and see how the money
rate made for the new is [to be] paid—

At this meeting January the 6th of January 1689 the old Meeting House was
valued at ten pounds and the pulpit at four and so to be allowed
as fourteen pounds of estate of the proprietors only improved in
the new Meeting House for carrying on the finishing of that.

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At the meeting on the other sd specified Jan 6-1689/90

Abraham Williams was appointed to draw up something in a petitionary way to the convention then sitting at Boston for our encouragement in building a General Fort if indeed required and that we might be allowed two single rates of our town for help therein as other in like frontier places were … to have and so send it by John Brigham then Representative which accordingly was done

At this meeting the Deacons viz. Edward Rice and John Ruddocke were chosen to look over the minister's rates and see how they have been paid, and what is yet unpaid and make return to the town how they find
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At a meeting of the town May the 2nd 1690 it was voted by the town that what shall be wanting of the seven pound rate to pay Lieutenant Obadiah Ward the twenty shillings granted him clear by act of the town which is to be paid [in] money it shall be made up out of the Meeting House rate and out of the same Meeting House rate fourteen shillings to Abraham Williams for so much due to him upon account of expenses for board when deputy—and to Joseph Rice Sr. sic shillings four pence for so much due him.

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Marlborough

March the 11th 1689 at a meeting of the inhabitants and proprietors it was voted by the proprietors of this town that the clerk Abraham Williams pay out of the proprietors' stock 0f money in his hand eight shillings for twelve in pay then due viz. to John Brigham five, to Obadiah Ward Sr. two, to Abraham How Sr, two, to Nathan Johnson two, to John Barns Sr. one—this eight shillings in money for the above twelve was paid to the above

proprietors and accepted the day of the date in the presence of the town.

After the issue of that above sd these following debts were allowed by the town viz.

	£	s	p
to Joshua Rice for a [town's] pound gate	0	04	00
to Jonathan Johnson Sr. for sweeping the Meeting House one year and three quarters	01	01	00
to Thomas How for two shillings in money for gearing two constables	00	03	00
to John Woods for help to repair the [town] pound	00	02	06
to John Barns for "	00	06	00
to John Maynard Sr. for a journey to Concord to have rates signed by Major Bulkey [Buckley?]	00	03	00
to Nathan Johnson for sweeping the Meeting House one year viz. from March 1689 to March 1st 1690	00	10	00
to Abraham Williams for keeping the town's records and doing the town's work three years viz. from March 1st 1687 to 1690	04	10	00
to Isaac Amsden for a journey to Charlestown	00	02	00
to John Brigham for expenses at Boston according to a vote of the town	04	00	00
to Joseph Newton for drum cords	00	02	06
	11	04	00

March the 17th 1689/90 at a meeting of the inhabitants it was agreed in and voted that John Brigham have a sum of six pounds in money and four pounds in pay raised for him which is the full of that the town agreed to allow him for the whole of his expenses and disbursements while attending the Conventions at Boston as a Representative viz. for his board, his time and his house, and what money hath been already laid down by persons aforehand is to be discounted in the six pounds of money—the four pounds in pay is to be added to the account of the town debts, the six pounds in money to be raised according to a former vote of the town viz. to raise a sum of seven pounds to pay the Representative's folio 77: Dec.22 1689.

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Marlborough

At the same meeting of the [aforesd] specified viz.—
March 17, 1689 John Newton and Moses Newton were by a
vote allowed to get of the money rates in their work of
the Meeting House giving such allowance as is usual between
money and common pay
also in the same meeting James Sawyer was allowed his
money rate to the Meeting House he paying for much kore
in pay as is usual between money and other pay and it is to
be discounted in 500 of boards he sold to the committee
for the Meeting House
At this meeting Nathan Johnson was agreed with
to sweep the meeting [house] one year from March the first
to the next ensuing March that is one year off or so
doing it with: he is to have twenty shillings in town
pay this year begun 1689/90 and endeth upon 1690/91

At a meeting of the inhabitants of this town June the 17th 1690
officers were chosen for the year ensuing

Abraham Williams was chosen clerk for the year ensuing

Abraham Williams
Capt. Kerley
Lieut. Ward
John Barns Sr. Selectmen
Ensign Woods
Joseph Newton
Samuel Goodenow

Samuel Ward
Isaac How
Constables

At a meeting of the selectmen November the 3rd 1690, tithing men
were chosen as the law directs, and also after chosen seven

viz. Joseph Rice Sr. Isaac Amsden
William Taylor Daniel Rice
Daniel How Moses Newton Sr.

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Marlborough

At a meeting of the inhabitants of this town January the 12th 1690
the town Agreed and voted to raise a sum of forty pounds
in money for to pay our Minister Mr. William Brinsmead for one
year's labor past which year began with the first of
December in the year 1689 and ended with December in the year
1690, and that a rate be made for this sum by the invoice last
taken for the country, and that all heads and estates of this town
that are not in that invoice be added thereunto—
for this sum accordingly a rate was made and read openly at
another town meeting and then was delivered to our Minister Mr.
William Brinsmead—

At the same meeting viz. Jan 12th 1690 the town agreed
with Jonathan Johnson Sr. to build new [town] Pound which accord-
ingly he engaged to do and to build it in all respects like unto
the former pound which Thomas Rice built for the town, the
town referred to that agreement as to the work of it and the
time of raising it, and to set it in the place the town shall
appoint it to be set in, and having done it according to bargain
the town is to pay him three pounds fifteen shillings in wheat,
rye and Indian corn, viz. wheat at 5s rye at 4s and Indian
corn at three shillings the bushel all good and merchantable.

At this meeting viz. Jan 12th 1690: surveyors for the highways
were chosen viz: John Barret Jr., Isaac Amsden,
Thomas How and Daniel Rice.

At another meeting appointed on the 27th of the sd month to hear
the reasons for some men mot paying the Minister viz. John
Brigham and James Taylor, and that then all accounts of
disbursements about the New Meeting House might be brought

in and course taken to pay all full debts to carpenters and
others upon that account

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At a meeting of the inhabitants and proprietors of this town
January 27th, 1690/91, an allowance was made to the committee
chosen by the town December the 5th 1687 who were to order the
carrying on the Meeting House work viz. Deacon Ruddocke, Capt Kerley
Sargent John Bowker viz. to John Bowker 01£ 03s 09p, to Deacon Ruddocke 16
shillings] five pence half penny of his rates—an account having been given
before of disbursements about the Meeting House—the whole of
the pay was now brought to bear and by the whole of the
account, the town was found yet in debt twenty six pounds
thirteen shillings and three farthings, to this was added fourteen shillings—
the old Meeting House and pulpit was valued at that the first
proprietors had put in and not yet been allowed for, this was
added to the 26pounds 13£ 08s 03p which in all is forty pounds
thirteen shillings three farthings—a vote then passed that a
sum of forty pounds thirteen shillings three farthings should be
raised upon the invoice given in 1687 for the Meeting House
to pay off the debts and that each proprietor should have his
just part according to his lot drawn forth in the fourteen
pounds that so it might be outset in his rate to the above sd
forty pounds thirteen shillings so far as it would go. This was
voted and order given for a rate of forty pounds thirteen shillings etc.

At this meeting viz. Jan 27, John Brigham and James Taylor
gave in reasons why they had not cleared their rates with the
Minister.

the town appointed another meeting on the 1oth of Feb. next
ensuing that then James Taylor might bring in a list of all
the rates he has or should have paid which tenant on Mr. Alcock's
farm in which he said he was wronged—as also then to
appoint a place to set the new pound in if the ground be clear

from snow—and also then to agree on some way to seat
the New Meeting House

At a meeting of the inhabitants and proprietors Feb the 10th 1690/91
at this meeting the town voted the pound should be set upon the hill on the
southwesterly side of the bridge near about where
the chestnut tree stands that was broke by the thunder near Samuel
Ward's wall if no apparent inconvenience appear to hinder [it], which
accordingly [was] done.

After this the town proceeded to vote for building a table and
enlarging the pew for women to sit according to the table, and
voted for seating the Meeting House and chose a committee not here
recorded yet.

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At a meeting of the selectmen of this town the surveyors
of the highways formerly chosen were called to an account
Feb. the 15th 1690 viz. Samuel Goodenow, Thomas How,
John Newton Sr., Thomas Rice upon which account it was
found there was some pounds behind yet unwrought out.

On the 10th of March 1691 at a public town meeting, the
selectmen made report to the town how they found the
Rate and laid the account before the town
and at that meeting the town voted that the intent be drawn
up and delivered to the surveyors now chosen to work out as
far as it would go—and having done so to make a return to the
town and then another Rate to be made for highway work
which accordingly was done. both the account of what was
behind and the town's orders in the matter of highway work

At this meeting it was voted that the rates made for the
new Meeting House work, and that list drawn up to pay for
the old Meeting House should be delivered into the committee
hand to discourse with men and order the paying of workmen
and head carpenters which accordingly was done.

At the same time it was voted that a sum of three pounds ten shillings money should be raised to pay Lieut. Ward for seven weeks expenses at general court [for] himself and horse and that this sum be raised by the last country invoice, heads not in [it] to be added and rated forthwith made, which accordingly was done and delivered to the constables.

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At a meeting of the inhabitants of this town April 29th 1591 the selectmen being negotiable both by law and also an order from Authority to make a rate 9£ 11s shillings money to buy ammunition with—they on this above sd 20th of April brought the rate to the town where it was read and discoursed upon and then voted that it should be delivered to the constables to gather forthwith, and accordingly the rate was forthwith delivered to the constables

John Brigham dissented from this vote

At this meeting the town appointed men to look upon the pound that Jonathan Johnson Sr. built and set up for the town who allowed it to be good and accordingly to bargain and so returned to the town and the town approved it.

A meeting of the inhabitants and proprietors April 27, 1691

At this meeting John Rutter Sr. made return by plot of forty-five acres of land laid out on the southerly side of Stony Brook in a squadron there—the town accepted it and confirmed it to him as a good grant and to make up that forty-five acres sixty which is the whole of his 3rd division of upland—the town granted him fifteen acres more near Spruce Meadow on the southerly side of the way from the town to Cedar Swamp between the Pine Hill and the Thorny Brook.

Ensign John Woods also made a return at the same day of his father Wood's 3rd division and of his own 3rd division

laid out in the same squadron—his return was also accepted.

John Newton Sr. also made return of his third division laid
out in the above squadron—his return was also accepted.
Ensign John Woods also made return of his own house lot
granted him by exchanging from his first place both his own
sixteen acres and four acres of his father Wood's second division,
twenty acres in all which change the town granted him
December the 8th 1684—this return was accepted
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At a meeting of the inhabitants and proprietors April 27, 1691
as on the other side [of the page] you find—
the old pound was sold to Samuel Goodenow for a good
load of clay brought from Millham or Stirrup Meadow and
laid at the Warehouse.

At this meeting there was an account brought in of the town's
debts and these following debts were allowed—

	£	s	p	f
to Jonathan Johnson Sr. for a new pound built and set up according to bargain Folio 79	3	15	0	
to Abraham Williams for one year's service keeping the town's record and doing he writings from March 25 1690 to March 25 1691	2	00	0	
to Nathan Johnson for sweeping the Meeting House from March the first 1690 to March 1st 1691	1	00	0	
for timber bought by the town off Jonathan Johnson Sr. to build a warehouse with	0	14	0	
More for days works done at the warehouse the last fall viz. in the year 1690—the town allows eighteen pence per day for work done this spring viz. 1691—the town allows two shillings per day which in all put together to Capt. Kerley one day and a half at full & one and half in spring]	0	05	3	
to Moses Newton one day and half at fall	0	02	3	

to Joseph Newton	“	0	02	3
to Nathan Johnson	“ , half day at Spring	0	03	3
to Sargent Barret one day at fall		0	01	6
to John Barns one day and a half at fall		0	02	3
to Ensign Woods one day and a half at fall, one day at Spring]		0	04	3
to John Banister one day at fall		0	01	6
to John Johnson half day at fall		0	09	9
to Abiel Bush	“	0	00	9
to Isaac Amsden	“ , one day at spring	0	02	9
to James Woods	“	0	00	9
to John Bellows	“	0	00	9
to John Newton Sr.	“	0	00	9
to Ensign Woods for hooping a powder barrel		0	00	10
	Total	8	18	10

Selectmen
Grant order
For a rate
To be made
Jun 4th
1691

for to pay these debts allowed by the town and to prevent suits
at law, the selectmen of this town met and gave order that
a rate should be forthwith made according to the last country invoice
heads added not in—and delivered to the constables with a warrant
in the names to gather it and pay the town debts therewith

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Marlborough

At a meeting of the inhabitants and proprietors of this town
June the 24th 1691, officers were chosen for the town for the year
ensuing viz.
Isaac Amsden and Samuel Goodenow were chosen constables
Abraham Williams Town Clerk

1Abraham Williams
2 Deacon Edward Rice
(SELECT 3 Joseph Rice Sr. MEN)
4John Woods Sr.

5Samuel Brigham
6 John Bouker
7John Newton Sr.

At the same meeting Jonathan Johnson Sr. was chosen to keep the [town] pound; the lock and the hasp in Samuel Goodenow's hands to be forthwith delivered to the above sd Jonathan Johnson and the sd Johnson to make two staples for the hasp for which the town should pay in a town rate.

Marlborough

At a meeting of the inhabitants and proprietors of this town December the seventh 1691, it was agreed and then voted that a sum of forty pounds money be raised to pay our renowned pastor Mr. William Brinsmead for one year's labors now ended with November last past and that everyone then present would pay his full proportion with the rest of the town—
Also it was voted that every man being in an invoice the next second day after the date, viz. on the 14th day of this instant to the Meeting House where and when the town appoint to meet again at one of the clock in the forenoon and attend other business depending—December the 14th the town being met according to appointment as above sd and the invoice according to that agreement not being brought in, it was agreed upon and voted that four men viz. Deacon Rice and Samuel Goodenow with him and John Maynard Sr. and Thomas How with him should go and take an invoice of each man in the town all convenient speed bring it in to the clerk and the selectmen, the which they promised to do at their own cost without anything to the town that so the rate might be forthwith made which accordingly was done by them.

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Marlborough

December the 14th 1691 as on the other side [of the page] the town being met it was agreed upon and then voted that a sum of ten

pounds be raised for highway work upon tis invoice now
newly given in, and that the price of men's labor by the day
and also of oxen, cart or tumbril shall be
according to the time of day men come at: and the season of the year
they work in, and the manor of their working when they are
there, which appraisement is by the agreement and voted
of the town left to the discretion of the surveyors who
have the charge of the work; also, the town order that
the bridge called Obadiah's bridge shall be repaired for the
use of the town and kept in repair from time to time.

At a meeting of the inhabitants and proprietors of the town
Feb. 5th 1691, invoices being brought in, a rate for the
pastor's sum was drawn up and allowed by the
selectmen and next on this 5th of Feb. read openly in
the town meeting and was allowed by a full vote and order
given that it should forthwith be copied out and delivered
to the Reverend pastor Mr. William Brinsmead which
accordingly was done—[attested] by Abraham Williams

In like manner the rate for highway work though more than
was at first proposed when read in town meeting was
allowed by vote of the town and order given for carrying out
and delivering it to the surveyors of the highways and also
that all single persons heads and their horses should be rated
as other men's and added to said list which accordingly was done
by the selectmen and delivered to the surveyors.

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Marlborough

At a meeting of the inhabitants and proprietors of this town
June the 29th 1691, to town granted to John Rutter Sr,
fifteen acres of upland in lieu of fifteen formerly granted
him on the 27th of April 1691—huis grant then was to take it near
Spruce meadow on the way to … Meadow between the pine hill
and the thorny gutter, but the land there not hindering his
expectation, the town granted on tis 29th of June that he

should take up so much above the rocks beyond pine hill on the westerly side of Bell meadow way and leading the way to the pond meadow clear above it provided that he give under his hand that he doth wholly relinquish the grant of that fifteen acres off pine hill and Thorney gutter, the which je squarely did under his hand signed with the mark of a trowel and witnessed by Benjamin Willard and Samuel Wright.

August the 9th 1692

At a meeting of the inhabitants and freeholders of this town officers for the town were chosen viz.

(SELECT
1Abraham Williams
2John Brigham
3Deacon Edward Rice
4Capt. Henry Kerley
5John Barns Sr.
6John Maynard Sr.
7John Bowker
MEN)

Abraham Williams Town Clerk

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Marlborough

At a meeting of the inhabitants and proprietors of this town January the 30th 1692, the town vote granted to our Reverend Pastor Mr. William Brinsmead a sum of forty pounds money for one year's labors last past viz. from the first of December 1691 to the last of November 1692—

Voted that an invoice forthwith taken of all males rateable according to law of 16 years old and upward, and of all lands and cattle according to our former usage by the direction of the local laws—all males at one shilling eight pence per head and all creatures above one year old and lands

as formerly—
voted to pay John Barns Sr. for his time past from
this date in attending the General Court's as Representative—
eight pounds in New England coin—
voted to pay to John Maynard Sr. for expenses at
Charlestown Court to assure the presentment of the town
for want of a school, four shillings in money—
voted to pay Lieut. Obadiah Ward for one week attend-
ing on the General Court as the town's Deputy in April
in the year 1690, six shillings in money—
voted to allow to John Brigham for attending general
adjournments of the General Courts not until accounted
for, fifteen shillings in money—these were in the time of
the former government—
voted to pay to Abraham Williams for ten days attending
the General Court in October 1691, ten shillings money—
voted to allow to Nathaniel Johnson for sweeping the
Meeting House two years viz. from March the first 1691/2 to March the first now coming 1692/3, two pounds in pay.

Samuel Goodenow Sr. being to bring to the workhouse
a load of clay for the old [town] pound, he bought of the town
and having brought one hundred board [feet] to sd workhouse
because clay was not at that time to be gotten, the town
by vote accepted the hundred of board in the stead of
the load of clay and acquitted him of that account—
and then adjourned the meeting until Feb the 6th next
ensuing the present date.

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Marlborough

At a meeting of the inhabitants and proprietors Feb 6th 1692/3
by Adjournment, the town by vote granted to John Brigham
five pounds money in full for his whole time and expenses
in attending the General Courts in June and October last past—

the money to be paid within a month or thereabouts—

At the same meeting it was ordered and voted that all
persons behind with the pastor viz. upon the former lists
of assessments and have not paid their dues to the above sd
pastor the Reverend Mr. William Brinsmead—take effectual
care to pay and clear of all such arrears between the present date
and the first of May next ensuing tis date, and that all
such as neglect any longer shall be forthwith after that
prosecuted as the law provides in all such cases.

Voted that the committee for the Meeting House pay out of the money
yet remaining in their hands two shillings to Daniel How for
the table planks—

voted to pay to John Newton Sr. and Major Newton Sr.
carpenters for work done in the Meeting House since the account
was made upon the last reconning, three pounds in town pay—

voted that Ensign John Woods be paid eight shillings in town
pay for a journey to Boston of himself and horse to but the barrel
of [gun] powder and order the bringing of it home and for two days
and a half work at the watch house—

voted that William Taylor be paid one shilling money
by the committee of the Meeting House out of that yet left in their
hand for his bringing up the barrel of powder from Cambridge—

voted that Abraham Williams be allowed three pounds ten
shillings in town pay or forty shillings in money for two
years serving the town as clerk viz. from March the first
1691 to March the 1st 1693—

voted that Joseph How's negro be added to his invoice
voted that the widow Blanford be put into the invoice and rated for 3 cows
voted the widow Bellows be rated for two cows

Finally, it was voted that the clerk forthwith make
the rates for all the sums granted.

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Marlborough 1693

At a meeting of the inhabitants and freeholders of the town of Marlborough
on the sixth of March 1693, officers were chosen for the
year ensuing viz.

	1Nathan Joselin Sr.	
	2Abraham Williams	
	3Isaac Amsden	
(SELECT	4Samuel Brigham	MEN)
	5Thomas Rice	
	6John Newton Sr.	
	7Richard Barns Sr.	

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Abraham Williams Town Clerk
--
John Brigham, Commissioner

John Bowker and John Johnson Sr.. Constables

	1James Sawyer	
(TITHING	2John Maynard Jr.	MEN)
	3James Taylor Sr.	
	4Josiah How	

	1John Maynard Sr.	
(FENCE	2William Taylor	VIEWERS)
	3Joseph How	
	4Joshua Rice	

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this meeting the town agreed with Nathan Johnson to sweep
the Meeting House one year viz. from the present date
to the 1st of March 1694: and for so doing the town is to pay him

twenty shillings in the town's pay
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at this meeting the town appointed to meet again on the 20th of this instant March to allow other business depending
and to meet at the Meeting House at 9 of the clock in the forenoon.

	£	s	p
Lent to Isaac Amsden to bear the charges at court	[Ed Note: No entries]		
John Brigham	00	00	6
Jonathan Johnson Sr.	00	00	2
Daniel How	00	00	3
Joseph How	00	00	3
Capt. Kerley	00	00	6
Moses Newton Sr.	00	00	4
William Taylor	00	00	4
John Barns Sr.	00	00	4
Nathan Joslin Jr.	00	00	2
Sargent Johnson	00	00	4
Nathan Clark	00	00	2
Sargent Bouker	00	00	4
William Johnson	00	00	2
Samuel Goodenow Sr.	00	00	2
	00	04	0

At this meeting March the first 1693, the return of the fifteen acres of 3rd division [land] laid out to John Rutter's son to complete his 60 acres of division land was brought to the town and it was accepted
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At this meeting, return was made of four acres of second division [land] or addition land laid out to the grant of Samuel How or John Gower and it was accepted.

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Marlborough 1693

At a meeting of the inhabitants and freeholders of the town of Marlborough

on the twentieth of March 1693, Isaac Amsden was chosen to go to Charlestown and attend the court for a resolve in the matter referring to Mary Pope, and these on the other side lent money to bear his charges.

At this meeting the town appointed to run the line of their town bounds, and Obadiah Ward Sr., Richard Barns Sr., Samuel Goodenow Sr., and Nathan Johnson appeared to go once more gratis, and take each man his part provided others attended to go with them which many seemed to be willing to do and this to be kept on record.

At this meeting the town granted to Thomas Bruce's son as followeth, that upon condition be maintained a sufficient mill for the town's use twelve years complete after this present date, that then the fourteen acres of land with other appurtenances as in the agreement between the town and the above sd Thomas Bruce [see] Folio the 33—shall be the above sd Thomas Bruce's field and should be his and his heirs after him forever, not withstanding the … that is upon him in the agreement bearing [the] date June the 9th 1679

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the town adjourned their Meeting to the last of this instant [of] March

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At a meeting of the inhabitants and freeholders of the town of Marlborough by adjournment March the last 1683: Thomas Bowman and Samuel Stow were chosen surveyors of the highways for the year ensuing, and by a vote of the town the former surveyors are to give in a clear account to the selectmen of the debt and credit on the list of their hours

At this meeting Thomas Barns Sr. had a return made of two acres of land for addition [to] second Division to his eight acre lot and it was accepted—

At this meeting Jonathan Johnson Sr. made return of his twelve acres of purchased land see Folio 13, and three acres of addition land belonging to that, and four acres of 3rd Division [land] and it was accepted—

At this meeting a return was made of Thomas King huis 3rd
Division of land and it was accepted

At this meeting John Newton Sr. made return of five acres of
addition or 2nd Division [land] and it was accepted

At this meeting the return of Samuel Stow his acre and a half of second
Division or addition land was brought to the town and was accepted

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Marlborough 1693

At a meeting of the inhabitants and freeholders of this town May the 22nd 1693
in performance of an act of the town Feb the 6yj 1692/3 referring to a gaining in
all the orders that are found unresolved and not discounted for on the list of
assessments granted to the Minister, the town on the day above sd by vote
chose Nathan Joselin Sr. and Samuel Brigham to go to the Reverend pastor
Mr. William Brinsmead and desire of him to give them as the town's accounts a
full and clear account of all such persons names as stand indebted upon the list
of rates granted to him together with the sums that they are indebted to him by
and if he said must to do so—then to give the town a general discharge
from all demands from the present date—
further it was voted the day of the date that the above sd Nathan Joselin
and Samuel Brigham shall forthwith attend the present work they are chosen
and make the return to the town of therein on the 16th day of June next
ensuing this present date, and the town are then to act as the matter shall
then be found to require, the time of meeting on the 16th day of June is at
eight of the clock in the forenoon
voted that the matter referring to James Taylor's complaint be suspended until
the next meeting viz. June the 16th 1693.
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At a meeting of the inhabitants and freeholders of the town of Marlborough
April the 1st 1695 in pursuant of the acts above written, the town chose
by vote Capt. Henry Kerley, Ensign John Woods and John Maynard Sr.
to go to the Reverend Mr. William Brinsmead and desire that he would
as is above sd give to them in the town's behalf a clear account of all that is owed
to him and the names of them from whom it is due, that they may inform
the town as speedily as may be—

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Marlborough 1693
At a meeting of the inhabitants and proprietors of this town December the tenth 1693] being orderly warned by the appointment of the selectmen November 6th 1693] the town then being together, they agreed and then voted as followeth December the 4th 1693:

first — that they will pay forty pounds in money to Reverend Mr. William Brinsmead Minister for his year's labors ended with November 1693

secondly — voted that they will raise the above mentioned money by a valuation of all personnel and real estate, only all fatting creatures exempted

thirdly — voted to value all pounds rateable, equal with eighteen pound of other estates

fourthly — voted that John Barns Sr. and Daniel How do go and take the valuation of the westerly part of the town, and James Woods and Nathan Johnson Jr. be go and take the valuation of the easterly part of the town

Richard Barns & Samuel Brigham
selectmen attest to these acts above written

At a meeting of the proprietors of Marlborough Feb the 6th 1693, it was voted first that whereas Deacon Rice was complained of for holding more lands than his proportion, the above sd Deacon Rice doth declare that his proportion with others according to lot shall suffice, he beseeching the town to choose a man or two to try the same, and both profess freely to go with them and show his bounds and further the sd Deacon doth fully engage that what may be found more than his due shall be thrown out to the commons—this warranted and voted by the proprietors, John Brigham and John Bowker were chosen to try the above written

secondly
At the same meeting it was voted and acted that the Cedar Swamps for whom the lots were drawn upon shall be laid out with all convenient speed according to all former acts (refereeing to the Town Book). And further it is acted that John Brigham shall lay out the above sd cedar swamps though both in plotting and running lines through between each man's lots, marking trees thick as conveniently they will allow for two shillings six pence per lot in money; the which the sd Brigham doth engage to do, the town finding him convenient hands to go with him for the plotting of the same, and the proprietors

going with him when the lines are run through upon their own cost.

And further in case the men that may be chosen to go with sd Brigham for the plotting, or the proprietors neglecting to go with sd Brigham, be giving them two or three days warning or notice, the sd Brigham shall have liberty to hire another of his or their …; the diligent party or parties paying that charge and further the money to be paid by all persons concerned according to proportion by way of rate, within one month after sd Brigham hath finished the work

all this above written was voted to by the proprietors as attested by Order
Isaac Amsden

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Marlborough 1693

At a meeting of the proprietors by adjournment from Feb the 6th 1693/4 to Feb 7th 1693/4] that whereas there was an act passed and voted Feb 6th1693/4 that convened hands namely three in a day should go to help John Brigham to plot the cedar swamps, notwithstanding any former act or vote of the town persons appearing to go by threes when called to by John Brigham of their own free will without price, they were adopted by vote, and those that did appear are as followeth

first day	John Maynard Sr.	fourth day	John Johnson
	Richard Barns Sr.		Nathan Oak
	Thomas Rice		Nathan Joselin Sr.
second day	Nathan Johnson	fifth day	Jonathan Johnson Sr.
	Samuel Goodenow		Eleazor How
	John Bellows		James Woods
third day	Thomas Brigham		
	John Bowker		
	Joseph How		

And further the act of the town imposing [?] a former committee to proportion and lay out the cedar swamps lotted upon for a second division folio 75

is by this present act of the town proprietors made void to all intents as to them and the acts passed by the proprietors at their meeting Feb 6th and 7th 1693 in reference to the proceeding with the cedar swamps shall stand good in force and value.
Thomas Brigham's return of his 3rd division of upland was accepted.

Samuel Goodenow his return of forty acres of his third division was accepted.

The return of seventy acres laid out for Thomas Rice deceased which was granted for his 3rd division was accepted, provided it hinder no former grants.

all these acts and votes are attested to by
Isaac Amsden

At a meeting of the proprietors by adjournment from Feb the 7th to Feb 8th 1693/4 it was voted that John Brigham with those that go with him to plot the cedar swamps the lots are drawn upon, shall have respect to the quality of sd swamp lots according to their best discretion and that there be no difference among them their number being even, John Brigham is to have a double vote as is an indifferent man.

And further it was agreed and ordered and concluded that all woods and timbers lying and being in the commons or in any of the undivided lands situated and being within the bounds of the above sd town, is given and granted to the proprietors that have a grant of a house lot, or any that appears aa purchaser of the plantation from the Indians by order of the town as may appear by town records to be their own proper use and benefit and no other, and that no person or persons not being a proprietor as aforesd shall have any liberty to have any improvement of sd land by cutting, felling or carrying away any wood or timber of sd land for their own particular use, without first obtaining liberty from the proprietor and owners of the same in an orderly way (see for more over leaf)

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And if any person or persons shall wittingly or willingly after the making [of] this order having no right as aforesd cut, fell or carry away any wood or timber off from the aforesd lands contrary to this order, he shall be accounted a trespasser upon the town's lands and liable to answer all damages that the proprietors shall sustain by their so doing, and we hereby do empower and give liberty to any of the proprietors in sd land to prosecute any person or persons being found a trespasser aforesd as the law directs and to have all damages he or they shall record to be to his or their own use (all this above written with that on the other side of the leaf belonging to it) was voted and passed into an act by the proprietors and that it was voted that all the acts and votes that were passed the sixth. seventh and eight days of Feb 1693 should be with all convenient speed carried to the town clerk by Isaac Amsden to be by the clerk recorded in [the] Town Book and that Isaac Amsden bringing them signed by the town order should be his sufficient warrant for recording them.

that Isaac Amsden was chosen Moderator and to stand in the clerk's place during the meetings of the 6th and 7th of Feb 1693/4

John Maynard Sr.
Richard Barns Sr.
Thomas Rice (Witnesses)
John Brigham
Samuel Goodenow

At a meeting of the proprietors by adjournment from Feb the 8th 1693/4 to Feb the 20th it was voted that Isaac Amsden, Thomas How and John Barret Jr. shall bring in their highway accounts fair and clear to the town, the sixth od March next ensuing the present date, both debt and credit all that they have in their hands

Further at the same meeting it was agreed and voted that a committee of three men be chosen to join with the town clerk to search the records thereby to discover who they are that appropriated to themselves either out of the high-ways or other common lands, and what is found of common lands to be appropriated by any, that the sd committee shall make report to the town for their approbation in that matter, and what may be found of highways appropriated by any in any part of the town, that the sd committee shall be and are fully chosen for opening the same, according to the records in [the] Town Book which there is found in any part of the town, and the aforesd committee bringing in a just account out of the next town rate—
Also, John Maynard Sr., John Bowker and Isaac Amsden are the three

that were voted and chosen by the town as a committee to join with the clerk to prosecute the town's orders above written with all convenient speed. Finally, by a vote of the town at the same meeting all those acts above written were to be conveyed by Isaac Amsden to the clerk to be recorded in the Town Book as both appear attested to by Isaac Amsden his Attest by his hand to the clerk.

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At a meeting of the inhabitants and freeholders of the town of Marlborough March the 6th 1694, officers were chosen for the year ensuing

viz 1Abraham Williams
2Capt. Henry Kerley
3Lieut. Obadiah Ward
(Select 4Ensign John Woods Men)
5John Barns Sr.
6Samuel Ward
7John Bowker

Abraham Williams Town Clerk

Samuel Brigham and Daniel Rice Constables

Thomas Rice Town Commissioner

Thomas Beman) {town surveyors Joseph Newton Sr.
and Samuel Stow) {of highways (fence Joseph How viewers)
added March 20th Daniel How to Thomas Beman) John Barns) added
James Woods to Samuel Stow) for highways Eleazar How) March 20th

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Isaac How
(Tithing Nathan Joslin Jr. Men) (Abraham Williams)
Thomas Rice (Sealer of weights)
Joshua Rice (and Measures)

At their meeting, the inhabitants and freeholders appointed to meet again on the twentieth of this instant March; then to take an account of highways from the committee appointed to look upon the highways, to choose a Pound Keeper, to take an account of town debts, to choose one to sweep the Meeting House, to take returns of lands—and what other business the town shall so meet to be done—

Attested to by John Bowker, Constable

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At a meeting of the inhabitants and freeholders of this town March the 20th 1694 were chosen more surveyors for highways viz. Daniel How to join with Thomas Beman for the westerly end of the town—James Woods to join with Samuel Stow for the easterly end of the town.
2ndly John Barns Sr. and Eleazar How were chosen fence viewers to join with Joseph Newton Sr. and Joseph How chosen on the 6th of March 1694
3rdly Jonathan Johnson Sr. was chosen Pound Keeper for the year ensuing
4thly Maynard Sr. and Jonathan Johnson Sr. were chosen to sweep the Meeting House for the year ensuing and to have 20 shillings in town pay for their so doing

Also the whole of the accounts of both debt and credits brought in then by Isaac Amsden (of highway rates) was accepted and voted that the same should be carried to the surveyors now chosen.

At tis meeting Lieut. Obadiah Ward brought in account of fourteen days work that he had wrought upon highways more than his proportion long since, but withal preferred that if the town would cross his rate of three shillings six pence that he is now upon the list of highway rate, he would discharge the town forever from any after demands for tis fourteen days' work—the town by vote accepted it and his rate is called [off] and the town acquitted the day of the date:.

Voted that the credit brought in by Ensign John Woods in the time he was surveyor shall be added to the list brought in by Isaac Amsden wherein the account of credit is and all those to whom the town is indebted by that list shall be allowed four pence for every three pence the town owes them, to assure the wages of those that brought in the last rate bearing the date 1691:.

Voted that the committee chosen to look on highways go to that highway that lays through Samuel Brigham's land and inform themselves well about it (in order to) their

making a report to the town at their next meeting for their better agreement with him in that matter:.

At this meeting Richard Barns return of his 3rd division under law and the plot of it was brought to the town and was accepted.

Voted to allow to John Barns Sr. for attending the General Court thirty two days in the year] 1692 being that year a Representative fifty shillings in money for his time and expenses
Voted to allow to Abraham Williams for attending the General Court thirty-two days in the year 1693 in June and July being then Representative, fifty shillings money for his time and expenses
Voted to allow Capt. Henry Kerley for attending the General Court eight weeks and 6 days in the year 1693 in the winter time being then Representative, five pounds ten shillings money for his time and expenses

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At a meeting of the proprietors of this town on the 17 day of Jun 1695 held by adjournment Richard Barns Sr. was by a vote of the town chosen Moderator in Abraham Williams absence join with Isaac Amsden and John Brigham which was formerly chosen to act in the town concerns on the same account
Also it is agreed and voted that every proprietor that upon trials shall want his proportion equal with others according to a former act of the town the 20th of May 1695, either in upland or meadows to his first division, shall have his due as it shall appear (within the cow commons) either in upland or swamp in such place where he shall choose hindering no former grant or highway and for the remainder what shall appear to be their due by proportion according to former act May 20 1695 which] grants equitable allowances according to their paying of public charge and purchase from the Indians] shall have liberty to take up his proportion which shall appear to be his due without the cow commons] in any place (it hindering no formal grant nor highway) and for the shortness that shall appear in uplands: it shall be full satisfaction one acre for one acre, and for one acre of meadow one acre of swamp land—or one acre and a half of upland shall be satisfaction to proprietors (which we grant to them their heirs and assigns forever) and where several shall pitch upon one place, a lot shall decide the matter. This above written was passed into an act by the major part of the proprietors
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the voters were John Maynard, Jonathan Johnson Sr. 2 lots; Tho. Brigham, John Johnson, John Barrett Sr. Nathan Johnson 2 lots; John Bowker, Richard Barns, Samuel Goodenow Sr., Isaac Amsden, Isaac How, John Bellows, Joshua Rice, Nathan Joselin, Thomas How, John Brigham.
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the dissenters were Deacon Rice, Capt. Henry Kerley, James Woods, Joseph How, Daniel How, Thomas Rice] Samuel Ward, Ensign Woods, Sam'l Brigham afterward approving in sd meeting desired his dissent might be entered

At the same meeting it was voted that Richard Barns Jonathan Johnson and Tho. Brigham should at some convenient time view the land [that] Tho. How apprehends the town hath taken from him and what satisfaction he would have for the way crossed his land and make report to the town [at] the next meeting
Also at the same meeting John Brigham deserving liberty of the town to fence in two small nooks of upland—bearing the town's pleasure situated on the north side of his meadows for his ease of fencing in sd meadow and when he hath land to take up to have liberty to take the same by a judgement of indifferent men so far as it will go it being poor land as sd Brigham affirms—
this was passed into an act by a vote of the town June 17 1695

It was at the same meeting voted that Isaac Amsden should attend the court at Concord next ensuring to act in the behalf of the town that shall be needful about the way going to Sudbury and top be paid for his time and necessary charges; also for a day he attend the jury about the way and charges on sd day.

At the same meeting of the proprietors the town by a vote relinquished their right in a bridal way running by the … House of Jonathan Johnson Sr.. provided there be an open way in the place proposed by the sd Jonathan to be laid out by the selectmen and confirmed by the town—and what allowance the selectmen shall see reason to allow upon the account, it shall be taken up adjoining to his house lot--
this passed into an act

Jonathan Johnson Sr. was chosen pound keeper for the year ensuing at the same meeting
Those votes afore mentioned were all read in the presence of the town before the meeting was adjourned

And upon the proposal made by some of the proprietors as to the settling of matters concerning allowances which the town hath been transacting in—that there might a compliance in lieu if it may be—for that and the town hath adjourned
[the] meeting to the 2nd Monday in September next at 8 of the clock in the morning

as attested Richard Barns Sr.
Isaac Amsden
John Brigham
Moderators

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At a meeting of the inhabitants and freeholders of the town of Marlborough April the 26th 1694 Abraham Williams was chosen Representative for the year ensuing.
At this meeting Isaac Amsden was allowed by a vote of the town six shillings money for a journey to Charlestown and his expenses therein attending the court in the business referring to a petition about Mary pope according to an act of the town that he should go act on March the 20th 1693

Voted also that John Bowker be allowed eight shillings money for a journey to Charlestown and his expenses in attending the court in the business first moved in about the aforesd Mary Pope
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Voted that a rate be forthwith made for payment of all debts allowed by the town, and that it be made by invoice taken by the town appointment the last December in the year 1693.

At this meeting the town treating about the return of the committee for these highways, first wrote the vote and then passed it as followeth:
If you accept the return of the committee stating the highways according to the records of the town, and so encourage the committee and surveyors to proceed according to law in clearing them signify it by lifting up of your hands, tis was fully voted by the town.

Further it was voted by the town that if any person find themselves burdened and cannot forthwith remove so much fence as they have on the highway without great damage, if they apply themselves to the committee of highways for this town they shall consider them by allowing them some time for the doing of it.

At this meeting it was granted to James Sawyer that he take up his six acres of meadow granted him his house lot by vote of the town as on the folio the 30th that he take up his six acres of meadow at Stony Brook viz. in that meadow that was by order of the committee left in the hands of Mercy Hunt during her natural life according as the bounds were stated by the selectmen and then to be returned to the town.

Further it was voted that Samuel Brigham leave the bridal way through his land that is through all the land granted to Edmond Rice Sr. deceased which bridal way was stated by the honored committee to be two rods wide where it then was that Samuel Brigham leave this two rods way through this land where it now is (open) forever—and for recompense he hath granted to him and his heirs forever the remainder of that piece of meadow be it more or less that was left of the town's meadow in that part in the which James Sawyer above sd hath his six acres, and so the whole of that piece of meadow by order of the above sd honored committee, left after Mercy Hunt's death to the town, to be James Sawyer's and Samuel Brigham's.

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At this meeting viz. May 23 1694 Ensign John Woods had liberty granted him for the remove of two acres and a half acre from his first granted house to the other place where he hath already removed the most of his grant; it then being omitted through a note right understanding [that] the records of his land and that he leave forever any claim at his first granted plot.

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Marlborough 1694

At a meeting of the inhabitants and proprietors of the town of Marlborough on the 22nd of May 1694
the committee of the highways and the surveyors having been at and taken notions of the highway laid out by Thomas Rice through John Brown's land that was by first grant Joseph Holmes's, they find that there is a highway of four rods wide fifty rods long through the sd lands and that the sd Thomas Rice hath taken up out of the adjacent highway formerly laid there to compensate this new way through his lands that is through sd Brown's house lot and by further allowance and composition with hi the sd Thomas Rice by the committee there is bound & stated—and Thomas Rice regulating his fence according to those bounds—the town by vote confirms it
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At this meeting it was granted to Daniel Newton that the half acre of land that he had taken up more than his due for recompense of that Mr. Danforth's line, take from him as did appear by the return of the committee be his and his heirs forever; to the end he may the better fence upon the Brook there, and that upon this grant he rest fully satisfied and that neither he nor any of his successors shall make any further claims of the town upon this account forever.

At this meeting return was made of three acres of land laid out to John Gove a part of his 3rd division, the place of it also was brought and where laid out and was accepted by vote

Also the return of forty acres of land laid out to John Barns Sr. was brought to the town with the plot of it and where laid out being his 3rd division lot and was accepted

At this meeting the return of Deacon Rice his homestead being made by John Brigham and John Bowker chosen by the town to try it anew, was allowed & approved by a vote.

The town adjourned their meeting to the morrow at 8 of the clock viz. to May 23 1694.
On May the 23 1694 the town treating of a way to Sudbury approved that
men should go out upon free cost and see where a way may be found most convenient from the Widow Hay's through Mr. Alcocke's farm by the Indian Head, and so through along to Goody [?] Parmenter's over the brook on this side [of] his house and so along by his house into the old road. Also, Isaac Amsden and Thomas Rice are chosen to be foremen
in this matter—and having determined where it shall be, by agreement of them that go with them, then to attend the prosecution thereof by a petition to the country court next sitting at Concord—that this with the remaining part of the old road to Sudbury by Peter Norris [?] his mill may hold the way between this town and Sudbury. Isaac Amsden and Thomas Rice are chosen by vote and to be paid by the town for their time and expenses in attending this business at the above country court at Concord—this was fully voted by the town the day of the date
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At this meeting there was granted to Joseph How his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns forever seven acres of upland on the northerly side of Assabet river joining upon the meadows of John Ruddocke there—he paying to the town four pounds in money, the which four pounds in money the above sd Joseph How paid down in the same meeting in the very hour of the grant.

Voted that a rate for highway work be forthwith made according to a single invoice as it was last taken for the Pastor's rate.

Voted that John Maynard Sr., Ensign John Woods & Isaac How be a committee to state the highway at the westerly ends of the lots from John Newton Sr. his house lot to John Johnson's corner—and make return to the town of the doings therein.

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See for date
of Day and Year
on your right
hand
Voted at the meeting of the right hand specified November the 27 1694 that rather than the way already granted to Daniel Stone should hinder the

way now sued for, through Mr. Alcocke's farm to John Newton's the committee appointed viz. Thomas Rice and Isaac Amsden shall let sd way drop that is the way already laid out through the farm to Daniel Stone's.

Further by vote on the same day the town appointed that Thomas Rice and Isaac Amsden do attend to return the act of the committee of the honored country court of pleas next sitting at Charlestown and go to present the matter of the highway in which they have been concerned to full effect.

Then also the town appointed to meet again on the 17th of December at 9 of the clock to raise a sum for the Minister and such other business as the town seeth meet.

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At a meeting of the inhabitants and proprietors of the town of Marlborough May 23rd 1694 there having been a controversy between the town and James Taylor of sd town referring to some wrong the above sd James Taylor apprehended he had in being rated for a forty acre lot while on Mr. Alcock's Farm—as a final issue of the controversy, the town hath allowed him four pounds in money the day of [this] date, and by these presents of the above sd James Taylor do by these presents for myself, co-partners, my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns forever acquit and discharge the above sd town of Marlborough from any demands of this matter as it hath any reference to Mr. John Alcock's Farm during this lease—in witness whereunto I have set to my hand this twenty third of May 1694

in presence of [various]
witnesses

July the 16--1694

At a meeting of the freeholders of the town of Marlborough July 16 1694
assessors were chosen as the law required viz. (1Lieut Obadiah Ward
and sworn as the law requires by me (2Thomas Rice
Abraham Williams Town Clerk (3Isaac Amsden

At this meeting Thomas Rice and Isaac Amsden were anew chosen to present

the matter of the highway to Sudbury petitioned for at last court held at Concord still to attend this matter at the court's next siting in Cambridge
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At a meeting of the Inhabitants and freeholders of the town of Marlborough the 19th of November 1694, the town agreed and voted that a way be looked out that may be most convenient from Hinsdale's Bridge to the Indian Head of a pine tree thereabouts, that tis way be stated eight rods wide and is through Lieut. Obadiah Ward's meadow—then there but four rods wide so far as it goeth through the meadow and that men be chosen to do this forthwith, accordingly Issac Amsden, Thomas Rice, Lieut. Obadiah Ward, Richard Barns Sr. & Ensign John Woods were chosen to do this forthwith and make report to the town of their doings therein at the next town meeting.

The town by vote appointed to meet again the 27th of this instant November at 8 of the clock in the morning at the Meeting House to take the return of the committee of the highway appointed, and to take care for the further carrying on of the business as it shall require and such other business the town shall see meet to act in.

November
27 1694
At a meeting of the town November the 27th 1694 the above sd committee chosen Nov 19 made return of what they had done as followeth then in observation of an act of the town the 19th of the above sd date, we who have subscribed hereto, have laid out a highway which we do judge to be most commodious for teams and all manner of drift, and it leads as followeth—beginning at Hinsdale's bridge eight rods wide running right up from the sd bridge to the meadow called Obadiah Ward's meadow directed by marked trees both sides of sd way; leaving the old path a little on the north side and covers the sd meadow four rods wide÷ and beyond the sd meadow 8 rods wide marked on both side with trees and stakes, leading near the farm line on to the plain, and up to the north end of Indian Head & so along to the pine tree where the new way petitioned for comes in. Richard Barns, Obadiah Ward, John Woods, Thomas Rice, This return was accepted by vote of the town Nov. 27 1694 [Isaac Amsden.

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Marlborough 1694

At a meeting of the inhabitants and proprietors December the 31 1694
the town by vote chose men to join with the committee already chosen viz.

to Thomas Rice and Isaac Amsden the names of them that were anew chosen are as followeth: Capt. Henry Kerley, John Maynard Sr., John Brigham John Barns Sr., Samuel Brigham, Isaac How, Abraham Williams these all both the committee and others added to them declared themselves willing to go without wages.
Voted also that if the jury to be chosen shall need entertainment in this town that then they be provided for at the town's cost.

At a meeting of the inhabitants and freeholders of this town January 7th 1694, the town then voted that John Maynard Sr. John Bowker & Isaac Amsden be continued a committee to stand all the high-]ways in the town according to record and bring them in stated and bounded; voted also that Richard] Barns Sr. and John Barns Sr.be added to them and they five to state and bound the highways as is] above sd*--voted then to allow to John Maynard Sr. for what he has formerly done with] Joh Bowker and Isaac Amsden six shillings, and it is entered in the list of town debts on the other side [of this sheet]—see on your left hand.
Voted that the clerk Abraham Williams be allowed fifteen shillings for his service to the town as clerk in the year 1693, this also is entered in the list of town debts on the other side.
Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the 21st of this instant January and then that the town meet again at 9 of the clock in the forenoon at the Meeting House; then to attend remaining business now left viz. to search the town Book the Great Book—to see what lands and meadows are the town's, and appoint a time to take an invoice for to raise town's payments by.

At a meeting of the inhabitants and freeholders of this town of Marlborough Jan. the 21st and 22 1694/5 the committee for town highways viz. John Maynard Sr., John Bowker, Isaac Amsden stating and bounding highways so far as they had gone and the town by vote accepted them & voted that they shall sand good and that they be recorded as they are returned and stated.
Voted also that John Brigham lay out the cedar swamps over the river all that is within our town's bounds there.

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At a meeting of the inhabitants and freeholders of this town March the 7th 1694/5 officers for the town were chosen as the law directs

John Maynard Sr.	Abraham Williams Town Clerk	Thomas Rice
Richard Barns Sr.	and sealer of weights and	and Eleazar How
Samuel Brigham	measures	Constables
(Select)Thomas How (Men)		
John Brigham		
Isaac Amsden		
Thomas Rice	_____	
Tithing Men	Surveyors of the Highways	Fence Viewers
John Barrett Sr.	Joseph Newton	William Ward Sr.
Peter Rice	Nathan Johnson	John Maynard Jr.
John Newton Sr.	Joseph How	

John Bellows Nathan Brigham Thomas Martin Sr.
Sealer of Leather

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At this meeting Lieut. Obadiah Ward, Ensign John Woods, Richard Barns Sr. and Thomas Rice were chosen by vote to go with those of the (Indian land men that they had appointed viz. John Brigham, Samuel Stow, and Josiah How) chosen by their company to show the bounds between this town and the Indian land at some convenient time to be appointed in this month.

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Marlborough 1695

the way at tobacco meadow is reduced to four rods wide See Great Book page 36

At a meeting of the inhabitants and freeholders of the town of Marlborough April the first 1695, it was agreed upon and voted that there be a highway stated and considered of six rods wide beginning at Isaac How's now dwelling place from there to Stony Brook and near where the cart way now is and so along through John Rediat's land along on the easterly side of the pond called Belcher's Pond from there to Tobacco Meadow and by Tobacco Meadow along to Chauncy plain through the land of Nathaniel Johnson to a way of five rods wide already drawn on Chauncy plain—this way also to be drawn from the lots ends of Abraham Williams and Andrew Belcher until they meet with this way above sd near Stony Brook

Further it was ordered and voted that the highway from Williams's and Belcher's lots ends be carried on over Crane Hill and so over contention slow to Middle Meadow six rods wide, until you come at John Rediat's Sr. his meadow there through which meadow it shall be but two rods wide and then six rods again through the town's land as far as there is occasion

an account of the 2 rod way ...

Rediat's lot

At this meeting the town and Joseph How agreed that the sd Joseph How shall loan for a highway two rods of sound land through his house lot that is through the house lot that was granted to John Ruddocke near where the way is now drained

by drift of cattle at his fence end, and so doing shall take up two rods for one adjoining to the six acres granted to Thomas Martin Sr.

Voted that Abraham Williams make a rate for so much as may pay John Brigham for laying out of the Cedar Swamps with that money of the proprietors that is in bank

Voted that there be a sum raised for highway work according to the one half of the town invoice last taken by the town.

Granted to Samuel Goodenow Sr. a liberty to take up twenty acres of his 3rd division on the further side of Stirrup Brook that is on the westerly side where it may be found convenient for him provided it hinder no former grant nor any highway that may be of use for the town—and to take up the land in his meadow as a part of the above sd twenty acres.

Received of Abraham Williams by order of the town May 22 1695 one pound seven shillings and four pence which was so much of the proprietors' money in his hand by a formal order of the proprietors—I say received this 22nd of May 1695

Marlborough 1695

At a meeting of the proprietors of the Town of Marlborough May the 20th 1695 voted that the moderators be chosen to carry on he works of the day, accordingly Abraham Williams, John Brigham and Isaac Amsden were chosen Moderators—

In reference to the proposal made by them that our present proprietors of the six thousand acres purchased by them [off] the Indians, the first proprietors thereof concerning the line between them and the town—
the town by vote answered they will stand by the line as it is marked and was run by Ensign Noys and Samuel Andrew
Secondly that if those of our neighbors above mentioned see cause to procure a surveyor and let the town know who—and when they will run the line that is not satisfactory to them, the town will choose another for the same time that they may try it together.

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Marlborough 1695

At this meeting on the other side specified viz. May the 20th 1695
Abraham Williams was chosen Representative for the year ensuing
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At this meeting the proprietors taking into consideration that there is a considerable disproportion both in homestalls of upland, and in first and second divisions of meadow between the proprietors who have from the first founding of this town unto this base been equal in charge and payments, and yet are not equal by much of their quantities of allotments—the town considering the necessity of making equitable allowance, but not in the least to meddle with any former grants but that every man shall enjoy what is recorded to him on the great book without any molestation.

It is ordered the day of the date [above] that upon a due revise of the matter that there be some appointed that may look upon the proprietors lots as above sd, and see whether those have more than is granted to them by valuation, and if it be found that one hath more in quantity than another—then those that want their equal proportion shall have such allowance made as may make them equal in some measure as near as may be either in one kind of land or other as convenient as may be for them—and this is to be done in love and peace for a final issue of those complaints.

This was voted to by the town the day of the date [above]. Thomas Brigham & Sam'l Goodenow dissented on account of Millham Meadow only

At this meeting Samuel Ward's return of cedar swamp was accepted.
Voted that Abraham Williams pay of the proprietors money in his hand 27s 4pence to John Brigham as part of his pay for laying out the Cedar Swamp.
At this meeting John Johnson his return of his third division land was brought to the town and the plot of it was accepted.
Sam'l Goodenow Sr. also brought a return of 20 acres of 3rd division land laid out to him on the westerly side of Stirrup Brook and the plot of it was accepted.
The [the town] voted to adjourn the town meeting to the next ensuing second day to begin at 8 of the clock in the morning, and to meet at the Meeting House.

Marlborough 1695
At a meeting of the inhabitants and freeholders of the town of Marlborough the 27th of May 1695, the town by vote engaged to bear the charges of the sherif in summoning a jury to go upon the way that is to be stated between this town and the town of Sudbury—and all just and necessary expenses that arise on that account; also John Bowker was then chosen by vote to supply the place of Abraham Williams and with the rest before chosen to go to attend the committee at the time appointed.

Voted that money be raised in this town by the first opportunity for raising of money for the use of the town—for to repay such as shall disburse money for the town on this account above sd.

At this meeting it was proposed that if the second squadron surrender up their right in Dudley Pond meadow to Thomas Brigham and Sam'l Goodenow Sr.—and the third squadron acquit their claim in Milham, then the town give and grant to the said Thomas Brigham and Samuel Goodenow Sr. fifteen acres of land out of the undivided lands of the town where they shall choose; then this shall be a final issue of all the controversy that hath at any time been and was the cause of this project acting; this fifteen acres to be taken so as it hinder no former grants nor any highway the town hath and shall need of, when the return of it shall be made to the town—Voted by the *town* the day of the date [above] with the provisos.

Marlborough 1695

by adjournment

At a meeting of the proprietors of this town Sept. the 9th 1695 /\ it was voted that the votes of the town June the 17th 1695 shall hold a connection with the votes of the town May the 20th 1695 and then the meeting was broke up -----

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Marlborough 1695

At a meeting of the inhabitants and freeholders of the town of Marlborough November the 18th 1695, it was jointly voted by the town to allow and pay to the Reverend Mr. William Brinsmead our Minister, forty pounds money for his labor in the yar past ensuing with this instant November above sd.

Voted that this sum of forty pounds for the Minister and all other such charges as the town shall see needful to raise this year—be raised by an invoice to be taken forthwith in this town—viz. all souls of sixteen years old and upward at one shilling six pence the poll—all lands at our usual price of valuing them and all cattle viz. … and horses, sheep and swine all above one year old at our usual price of valuing them amongst ourselves in former years—all fatting creatures to be excluded.

Voted that a rate for highway works be raised according to the sum that

the invoice shall amount to when taken viz. one … to each man—
how for the taking of this invoice the town appoint Samuel Stow & John Bellows for the easterly part of town, and John Barrett and Joseph How for the..... westerly part of the town: to do it forthwith and bring it in to the selectmen—
this also was fully voted.

Voted that there be a highway stated to the place where the Bridge is to be built at Assabet River—see Folio the 97

At this meeting an account was taken of the town's debts and those following were allowed:

Debts for the way to Sudbury	£	s	p
to the Sherif	02	18	0
to Thomas How	01	13	10
to Sam'l Lord Sr.	00	06	0
to Thomas Rice	00	02	09
to Isaac Amsden	00	10	0
	05	14	07

Voted that a rate be forthwith made to pay those debts

other town debts allowed	£	s	p
to Lieut. Obadiah Ward	00	04	0
to Richard Barns Sr.	00	02	0
to Eleazer How and two men for carrying away John Holbrook the Frenchman	00	06	0
to Jonathan Johnson Sr for sweeping the Meeting House the year 1694	00	13	0
to sd Johnson for mending a staple for the pound	00	01	0
laid out on the above sd John Holbrook the Frenchman	00	05	0
to Abraham William for serving the town as clerk in the year 1694	00	15	0
about above sd Frenchman	00	02	0
to Isaac Amsden for going to a Justice & fetching a warrant about the town Frenchman	00	02	0
	02	08	0

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Marlborough 1695/6

|John Brigham
|chosen Moderator

At a meeting of the proprietors of the town of Marlborough January 6th 1695/6
at this meeting John Bellows had liberty of exchange of twelve acres of land in the cow c'mns viz. that sd Bellows lay down 12 acres at the east end of his house lot quit cross the lot; and take up 12 acres at the south end of Musk Hill between sd hill and Muddy Meadow.
Jonathan Johnson Sr. dissents from this vote.

At this meeting upon the motion made by the Reverend Mr. William Brinsmead, Capt. Henry Kerley referring to their cedar swamp lots in the second division, it was voted that if the above lots & John Barns his part of lot there prove to be out of the bounds of this town then there shall be reasonable satisfaction made them to the full out of the town's lands and so for any other persons.

At this meeting return was made by plot of thirty-two acres of third division land laid out to Christopher Banister and was accepted.

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At a meeting of the proprietors of the town of Marlborough Feb 3rd 1695/6 John Brigham was chosen Moderator by vote of the town.

At this meeting it was fully voted the day of the date that all the equitable allowances in the act of the town granted May the 2nd 1695 whether of meadow or upland shall be taken up out of the undivided land, without the bounds of the Cow Common
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2ndly it was voted that for one acre of meadow there shall be allowed two acres of upland if the allowance be in swamp one acre and a half of swamp for one acre of meadow and if the allowance be in meadow one acre of meadow for one acre of meadow and for upland one acre of upland for one acre of upland—and further it is ordered that every proprietor 9shall have) liberty to take up what he hath … to him as near to his own land or meadow as may be, but if he refuse and several men pitch upon one place a lot shall end the controversy between them.

At a meeting of the proprietors of the town of Marlborough Feb the 4th 1695/6 by adjournment in prosecution of the business of the town begun on the 3rd of sd instant as above sd, it was voted that the second division of upland or additions shall fall under the same considerations in all respects that homestalls or fist and second divisions of meadow do [as] specified in the town votes of the 20th of May for allowances—further it was voted that the quality of the land, viz. of the homestalls and the addition or second division of upland and the quality of the meadows of the first division shall be carefully considered in order to [make] equitable allowances.

And further it was voted that the quantity of each man's land shall be first considered that is to say that there maybe equality as to quantity between one man and another and if it doth appear by the judgement of men appointed for that end that there is need of consideration as to the quality, and upon the return of the men chosen as above sd and the concurrence of the town when brought to them—there shall be allowance made as to quality; and the charge of the men employed and called forth shall be born by them that employ them.

At the same meeting three men were chosen viz. Samuel Brigham, John Barns Sr. & Isaac Amsden—further at the same meeting John Woods Sr., his house lot was chosen to be the standard for house lots; and Deacon William Ward his first and second division of meadows to be the standard for meadows; and Thomas Rice his addition or second division to be the standard for additions or second divisions.

At the same meeting the three men chosen are ordered by vote to call John Brigham to measure the standards appointed for standards, and them only—and the town to bear the charge of that only. Capt. Kerley & Samuel Ward dissented from this vote.

At this meeting Richard Barns Sr., Jonathan Johnson Sr., John Bowker & Isaac Amsden were chosen to prosecute the acts of the town referring to the preserving the proprietors wood and timber, and bear their necessary charges.

Lastly it was voted that all the claims that shall be made by any of the proprietors in reference to the acts of the 20th of May 1695, granting equitable allowances either of uplands or meadows shall be made and assured within one year & a half after this present date—and such as shall neglect to make their claims within one year and a half after this present date shall have no further or after opportunity for to make any demands in those matters referring to equitable allowances.

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At a general meeting of the freeholders and inhabitants of the town of Marlborough for the choice of their town officers March the 16th 1695/6

Abraham Williams was chosen Town Clerk

	1Abraham Williams		Richard Barns Sr.
	2Capt. Henry Kerley		Jonathan Johnson Constables
	3Thomas Rice		---
(SELECT)	4John Barns Sr. (MEN)		William Taylor
	5John Bowker	(Surveyors)	John Newton Sr. (of Highways)

	6Thomas Beman	William Ward Sr.
	7Nathan Joselin	Joshua Rice

	Isaac Amsden Commissioner	Abraham Williams sealer of weights and measures
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	Samuel Brigham Treasurer	Thomas Martin Sr. sealer of leather
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Tithing Men	John Maynard Sr., and John Barrett Jr.	

Fence Viewers	(Samuel Ward Sr. (John Woods Sr.	

At a meeting of the inhabitants and freeholders of the town of Marlborough April the 13th 1696 an agreement was made between the town of Marlborough and Benjamin Franklin as followeth viz the sd Benjamin Franklin of the aforesd town shall keep a school in the town of Marlborough from the first of November next ensuing the present date until the last of March following and shall carefully teach all such youth as come or are sent to him to read English once a day at least or more if need require that they may be perfected in reading English and shall also teach all such as come or are sent to learn to write and cast accounts, all such as desire so to learn—and for so doing the said Benjamin Franklin shall be paid eight shillings per week in money or provisions at money price; everyone that sends shall pay their part [of] the load per week for everyone they send—and the town shall pay the rest of the eight shillings per week by a general rate. The town to provide a place to keep school in. This was fully voted by the town and consented to by Benjamin Franklin the day of the date,

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At this meeting it was voted that for the relief of Bartel Colli [?] there be a contribution made for by the selectmen of this town the next sabbath day and that what shall be then gathered shall be put into the hands of the town's treasurer and so drawn out by warrant from the selectmen as they shall see cause for his relief.

At this meeting the town granted to Abraham Williams for his service in the General Court as their Representative seven weeks—and one year Town clerk seven pounds money; to Jonathan Johnson Sr., for sweeping the Meeting House one year viz. from March 1695 to March 1696, thirteen shillings eight pence money—
to Thomas Brigham for money lent the town, ten shillings (to John Woods Sr. 4 shillings).

At this meeting John Bellows made return by plot of 14 acres of land laid out to him on account of exchange granted –see folio 101—and his return was accepted only two acres of the fourteen in sd plot was part of Ensign John Woods his land.

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At a meeting of the freeholders of the town of Marlborough July the 13 1696
the town then being meet according to law and warrant ordered by vote that an invoice
be taken of all personal and real estate within this town and the precincts thereof according
to the valuation set upon lands and estates in the local law—and that every man bring in
an invoice to the assessors and the town on the next second day after this present date at
six of the clock in the forenoon, the selectmen were appointed assessors at the same time.

July the 20th 1696, the town being then meet to take in invoices, did then allow of the
change of the highway at the Miller's land so far as they were consented.

At a meeting of the proprietors and freeholders of the town of Marlborough on the 23rd of
December 1696, the town voted to allow to Mr. William Brinsmead our minister forty
pounds money for the year past las which ended with November last, voted that
this sum of forty pounds money above granted be raised by the invoice that was taken
last for the country tax—and that all hands that are rateable in this town that are
not in that invoice be added thereto.

At a meeting of the inhabitants and freeholders of the town of Marlborough Jan 15th 1696/7
Isaac Woods lots his house viz. that house that some time since was James Hosmer's
(to the town) to keep a school in from the present date to the first of May next
ensuing—the town to have the use of it without pay: during the above sd time, provided
there be no damage done to the house by the town, and if damage be done by the
town while in their improvement—that then the town make good the damage—
this was approved to by the above sd town on the one part and Isaac Woods on the other
the day of the date above written.

Witness their hands, the mark of
Isaac *"0"* Woods
Abraham Williams in
behalf of the town

At the same meeting the town agreed that the school above specified shall begin to be
kept at the house appointed on the 25th of this instant and to be continued to the
last of March following.

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At a meeting of the freeholders and proprietors of the town of Marlborough
March the 12th 1696/7 officers for the town were chosen as the law directs viz.

Abraham Williams Town Clerk Constables Tithing Men

(John Barns Sr.) (John Banister
(Joseph Newton Sr.) (Nathan[l] Johnson

Abraham Williams		
Isaac Amsden	For surveyors of highways	Viewers of Fences
Samuel Brigham	John Bowker Sr.	Daniel How and
(SELECTThomas Brigham MEN)	Samuel Ward Sr.	James Woods
Ensign John Woods	--	
Thomas How	Isaac How and	
Capt. Henry Kerley	John How	Abraham Williams
		sealer of weights & measures

At this meeting the town declared by a
vote they saw no need of changing
assessors—other than the selectmen

At this meeting the town voted to choose five men to give the selectmen
instructions for their management of the prudentials of the town for the year
ensuing, and that it be done in writing accordingly precedented to choice and
brought in their votes—and the men chosen were

1Lieut. Obadiah Ward 2John Maynard Sr.
3John Barns Sr. 4Thomas Rice
5Samuel Stow

At a meeting of the inhabitants and proprietors of the town of Marlborough July 29 1697
voted that in order to the rising of a sum of forty pounds sent for by the country …
by votes of an act of the assembly May the 26th 1697—that an invoice be forthwith
taken in the town and brought into some of the selectmen within eight days
after the present date—voted that all such rateable by law shall be assessed
at twelve pence the poll and so doubled as other estates—

At this meeting the committee and the surveyor appointed to measure the lands and meadows
for standards were warned to bring in their return to the town, but they not approving,
the meeting was dissolved for nothing could be done.
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another tax
At a meeting of the inhabitants and freeholders of the town of Marlborough Nov 26 1697
the town being warned together to choose assessors and raise a sum of 49£ ten shillings,
the town declared by vote to take a new invoice forthwith and that everyone should bring in
an invoice of all their personal and real estate except that only they were [missing text] to
kill for their family's eating—voted that all polls be rated at twelve pence
per poll and so doubled as the other estate

The rate for the minister next to be made shall be made by the abovesd
invoice, and all other town debts now depending paid by rate made by sd invoice
voted to allow the pastor Mr. William Brinsmead for this year's salary now ending
with this month. forty pounds money.

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At a meeting of the proprietors of the town of Marlborough January the 18th 1697/8 and from thence adjourned to January the 20th 1697/8 the proprietors by voted accepted the return of the committee chosen to measure the standards and the return of their measure of Sargent Woods his house lot, standard for house lots is as the committee asserts by the surveyors account finally six acres one quarter and two rods; one acre of addition land bang in it.
Capt. Kerley, John Woods Sr., Thomas Beman, Samuel Ward Sr., James Woods, John How Abraham How, Daniel How dissented from this vote, then the meeting was adjourned to Feb, the first next ensuing at 9 of the clock.

At a meeting of the proprietors Feb the first 1697/8 the return of the measure of Thomas Rice his addition or second division appointed to be a standard for additions was also brought in and the account of the committee and surveyors was that it was 22 acres and a half and four rods—in which measure was six acres and a half at twenty rods of Edward Rice Sr. his land as they said. This was accepted by a bare [majority] vote.

At this meeting the return of the measure of Deacon Ward's Stony Brook meadow was also brought by the committee and surveyor, and it was accepted by a bare [majority] vote and all them that dissented from the vote of Thomas Rice's addition, now also dissented.
Then the meeting was adjourned to the 8th of sd instant Feb [at] 9 of the clock in the forenoon.
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of the proprietors
At this meeting ^ Feb 8th 1697/8 by adjournment as above sd, the proprietors of the abovesd Marlborough accepted by a bare [majority] vote the return of the committee for the measure of standards as it referred to Deacon Ward's cedar meadow and contention … which they gave in at twenty one acres and a quarter, and his home meadow at three acres.
The adjourned to Fen 22 of sd instant 1697/8 9 of the clock at the Meeting House
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At a meeting of the proprietors and freeholder of the town of Marlborough Feb 22 1697/8
Mr. Boas his request for land to set a fulling mill was not complied with.
the town by vote chose Thomas How to attend the court next at Charlestown in reference to the highway between this town and Sudbury, and to see for an execution of 31s granted to this town at the court of quarter sessions at Charleston December 14 1697—other things were agitated but nothing concluded on because persons concerned were not there.
Then the meeting was adjourned to March the 3rd 1697/8 9 of the clock at the Meeting House
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At this meeting above appointed March 3rd 1697/8, these following debts were allowed by the inhabitants and proprietors then attending

viz.	£	s	p
to Abraham Williams for 16 weeks attending the Gen Court at Boston in 1696	10	00	0
to Sam'l Brigham for 5 days attending the Gen Court at Boston in 1697	06	00	0
to Benjamin Franklin last year unpaid of the town's part for keeping school	00	05	0
to Isaac Woods for glass break in his house while the school was kept there	00	05	0
to Ensign Woods for 2 days attending at Cambridge court about the highway	00	06	0

to Tho. How for attending two courts at Cambridge [and] at Charlestown	00	17	0
to Isaac Amsden attending two days at Cambridge Charlestown Court Dec 14	00	06	0
to Tho. How for [feeding] the town assessor while making country taxes	01	01	06
to the assessors for dinners they themselves paid in 1696 while about taxes	00	07	0
to Jonathan Johnson Sr. for sweeping the Meeting House 2 years this March	01	06	08
to John Bowker for old debt about the old Meeting House galleries	00	07	0
to Abraham Williams for 2 years service [as] Clerk and Keeper of the Books	01	00	0
total	22	12	02

Then adjourned to the last Tuesday of this instant March, 9 o'clock at the Meeting House and the committee acts then to be brought [up] and read.

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At a meeting of the freeholders & proprietors of the town of Marlborough warned by the constables for the choice of town officers as the law requires March the 14 1697/8
1st first then the town by vote allowed to Zechariah Eager and Joh How three shillings apiece for a journey to Concord with a distracted man viz. Major Johnson's son
2ndly the town by vote allowed to Thomas How six shillings for attending two days at Charles-town court on the 8th of sd Instant March about the highway to Sudbury to be added to the list of town debts.
Then proceeded to choose of officers for the year ensuing viz.

1Abraham Williams	Abiel Bush	James Hosmer
2Capt. Henry Kerley	&Daniel How	&Zechariah Eager
3Lieut Obadiah Ward)	Constables	Abraham How
SELECT 4Ensign John Woods MEN)		&Caleb Rice
5John Barns Sr.)		Surveyors of Highways
6Samuel Ward Sr.		
7Joseph Newton Sr.	John How	Isaac Amsden
	&Joseph How	& Isaac Woods
Abraham Williams Town Clerk	Tithing Men	Fence Viewers

Samuel Brigham	Abraham Williams	Thomas Martin Sr.
Town Treasurer	Sealer of weights & measures	Sealer of Leather

Voted. At this meeting the town ordered that the selectmen forthwith make a rate for the payment of the debts allowed and deliver them to the constables to be gathered.
Voted. That care be taken by the selectmen that a time for the taking one invoice for the concern of the town for the whole year may be stated by the town at their next meeting on the last Tuesday of tis instant March 1698
Town Meeting. At a meeting of the inhabitants and proprietors of the town of Marlborough on the last Tuesday of March 1698 being the 29th of sd month the acts of the committee were ordered to be read in sd meeting and other things agitated but nothing concluded.
Town Meeting Mat the 1st

At a meeting of the proprietors and freeholders of the town of Marlborough May the 5th 1698
Thomas How was chosen Representative for the year ensuing.
Voted that those men chosen by this town to state highways do also state also state
a highway from the country road to that place in Assabet River, the three
logged bridge was ordered to be built over in the year 1694 though not yet done.

Voted that Jonathan Johnson Sr. be a school master to teach children to read and write if
the town and he can agree (sd Johnson asking five shillings a week for one half
of the year and teach them by his wife) and seven pounds for the other half and teach them by
himself; the town voted they would desist any further proceeding with him.
Voted that Samuel Brigham, John Bowker, Joseph Newton, John Maynard Sr.be a further committee
to treat with John Keys about keeping a school and to come to … with him
or any other if he cannot be attained that may be most suitable upon easiest
terms and make report of their doings herein to the town.
Voted that Lieut. Ward Ensign Wood & Nathan Johnson do forthwith run the bound
of the town and renew them according as they would at first run and marked

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At the meeting on the other side [of the page] specified viz. May 5th 1698 it was also voted the forthwith
after the return of the running of bounds of the town, an able route experienced activity
be sought for, to give us a plot of our bounds accordingly as we have always held them.

Town Meeting May 22 1698
the town being called together by the constables having warrant from the selectmen
upon the return of the committee chosen to run and renew the bounds so to do,
it being the 22nd of May 1698 voted they would attest the former vote abovesd May 5th
and fell into debated about it until at last they left it; and John Brigham, Jonathan Johnson Sr.
and Isaac Amsden dissented.
Town Meeting June the 8th 1698
At a meeting being legally warned (and met June the 8th 1698) it was then voted that
Benjamin Franklin is chosen and appointed school master to learn the youth to write
for the year ensuing, all that come to him and give him satisfaction for their learning
but the months of December, January, Feb and March without exception, and then the sd
Franklin is to have eight shillings money a week for the sd four months—those that
are learners to pay three pence a week for every week they go to school and the town
to make up the rest what shall be wanting of the sd sum for the four months abovesd;
the sd Benjamin Franklin being present, accepted the sum and the town agreed to
provide a house convenient to keep the school in—all above written was voted to
by the town the day of the [above] date—as witness our hands

Henry Kerley
The sd Franklin engaging also (Select) John Barns Sr (Men)

to help the youth in reading what he can

Obadiah Sr.
John Woods Sr.
Benjamin Franklin
Schoolmaster

Town Meeting
At a meeting of the inhabitants and proprietors of the town of Marlborough Aug the 1st 1698 according to warrant from the selectmen, the town by vote chose John Bowker, Thomas Rice & Isaac Amsden assessors for the tax now called for, and saw them sworn; 2ndly it was voted by the town (then) that every man give in a new invoice for the raising of this sum required by the previous treasurer;
3rd it was voted that every man bring in his invoice between the present date and Wednesday night the 3rd of this instant or else the charge of the assessors going to them to take it .

At a meeting of the inhabitants and freeholders of the town of Marlborough warned by order of the selectmen and held on the 13th of December 1698 the town by vote granted a sum of forty pounds money to pay the Minister Mr. William Brinsmead with for one year's ministry beginning with December 1697 and ending with November last past this 1698. Voted that this sum abovesd be raised by the invoice last taken viz. on the first of August last past—voted that all polls be rated to this sum at two shillings each poll and no more—voted to allow the Minister abovesd beside the forty pounds above granted, firewood for this present year delivered in at his lodgings and that it be cut off his own property right in the town—voted that Nathan Joslin and James Hosmer inspect the doing of it and take account who do and who do not, the easterly part of the town having determined to do it this year—voted that Capt. Kerley and Joseph Newton treat Isaac Woods about his house to keep school in and agreed with him about it may be—voted that Abraham Williams and Isaac Amsden join with the committee of the Meeting House and clear and settle these accounts. At this meeting Jonathan Johnson's plot of his 3rd division land was brought to the town and was accepted.

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At a meeting of the inhabitants and proprietors of the town of Marlborough January the 10th 1698/9 being not according to warrant for that end from the selectmen, the town then agreed and voted to raise this tax now sent for by the previous treasurer by the invoice taken in the last August viz. August the 15th 1698. Isaac Amsden, John Bowker and Samuel Brigham were then chosen assessors to make it.

At this meeting the town agreed and voted to build a house to keep school in, and it be built twenty two foot long and eighteen foot wide from outside to outside and seven foot high in the body—and that this when built and finished shall be only for a school to be kept in and no other use without the town's order.

Voted that this house when ready to raise shall be set on the ground not far from the pound—voted that the selectmen treat a workman or workmen and see what terms it may be built on and [with] what specie, and that it be done by Michaelmas next—and make report to the town of their doings therein.

At a meeting of the inhabitants and freeholders of the town of Marlborough for the choice of town officers as the law directs March the 17th 1698/9—then:

Abraham Williams was chosen Town Clerk

Abraham Williams — Joseph How)
Capt. Henry Kerley — John Maynard Jr.) Constables
Lieut. Obadiah Ward
(Select Samuel Brigham (Men)
John Barns Sr. — Thomas How)
Thomas Rice — Daniel How) Tithing Men
Joseph Newton Sr,

Samuel Brigham — John Banister
Town Treasurer — William Williams) Surveyors of the
--- — Isaac Woods) Highways
John Barrett Jr.) Fence — Daniel Johnson
Joshua Rice) Surveyors

Abraham Williams Sealer of Weights and Measures — Joseph Stratton Sealer of Leather
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At this meeting the selectmen made report of what they had done in letting out a schoolhouse to be built and on what terms, and showed the town a written agreement referring thereto between sd selectmen and Eleazar How, and the town by vote accepted their return and engaged themselves therein.

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